



THE DOCTRINES OF THE GRACE OF GOD

**Book 3**

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# 1

## THE PLAN OF GOD FOR JEWS AND GENTILES PREDESTINED

“The Lord had said to Abram, go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”

Genesis 12: 1-2

**FOR YOU** – The purpose of this study is to teach you how predestined Jews and gentiles are sheep from a different sheep pen, however, from the same flock.

### God Has Chosen Abram To Be a Great Nation

- God has chosen Abram to be a nation. (Genesis 12:1-2; Genesis 15:5-6; Genesis 17:4)
- God fulfills the promise giving him a son. (Genesis 21:1-3)
- Isaac married Rebekah, that bore him two sons. (Genesis 25:19-26)
- Jacob blesses His sons. (Genesis 49:1-27)

### Seventy Descendants of Jacob’s House Entered the Egypt

- 70 descendants of Jacob have entered the Egypt. (Exodus 1:1-5)
- The sons of Israel were exceedingly fruitful, they multiplied greatly. (Exodus 1:6-8)
- The sons of Israel became slaves in Egypt. (Exodus 1:13)
- God releases His people from Egypt. (Exodus 3:6-10)

## **God's People Go After the Promised Land and Wars With Enemies People**

- God's people go after the Promised Land. (Joshua 11:20-23)
- God promise one deliverer (Isaiah 11:1; Isaiah 9:6-7)
- Christ descended from the Jews. (Romans 9:4-5)
- Everything that happens to Christ was already determined. (Acts 4:24-28; Acts 2:23)
- The elected Jews are the descendants of the patriarchs, children of the promise.  
(Romans 9:6-8)

## **The Gentiles Have Reached Righteousness by Faith**

- The gentiles achieved righteousness by faith. (Romans 9:30-33)
- The Jews are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. (Romans 10:1-4)
- The Remnant of Israel. (Romans 11:1,2,5)
- God hardened the people of Israel. (Romans 11:7-8)

## **What Is Missing In the Jews People is Reconciliation with God**

- What is missing to the Jews is be reconciled with God. (Hebrews 4:2)
- The Jews were made envious. (Romans 10:19)
- If the Jews had received Christ we would not have had a chance. (Romans 11:11)
- The Jews are natural branches from the olive tree. The Gentiles were grafted in. (Romans 11:23-24)
- No one can ignore this mystery. (Romans 11:25)
- All Israel will be saved (illuminated). (Romans 11:26)

## **Jews Are Enemies When It Refers to Gospel But Loved When it Refers To Election Because God is Unchangeable**

- Enemies as far as the gospel is concerned, but loved as far as election is concerned.

(Romans 11:28-29)

— We were all disobedient: Jews and Gentiles. (Romans 11:30-32)

## **The Natural Branches Have Been Broken Off So The Wild Branches Could Be Grafted On The Same Tree Who Is Jesus**

— The wild branches were grafted on the same tree that is Jesus". (Romans 11:17-18)

— We gentiles were born in sin. For a brief moment of time we were left alone. (Isaiah 54:7)

## **The Call Is For the Elected Jews and Predestined Gentiles**

— National election and predestination. (Romans 9:24)

— Jew and Gentile Reconciled Through Christ. (Ephesians 2:11-16)

— Jews and Gentiles have access to the Father by one Spirit. (Ephesians 2:17-18)

— The predestined Gentile is also Abraham's seed and heirs the promise. (Galatians 3:29)

— Jews and predestined Gentiles are sheep that are not from the same sheep pen but from the same flock (Shepherd). (John 10:16)

— The sun of perdition exist to serve the descendants of Shem and Japheth. (Genesis 9:25-27)

**FINAL WORDS:** God chose Abraham and made him a big nation. Neither Jews nor predestined Gentiles are connected to the same olive tree. The Jews were chosen by unconditional election and the predestined gentiles by predestination.

## 2

### THE GREAT HARLOT

#### PART I

“Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?”

1 Corinthians 14:8

**FOR YOU** – In the beginning the church was simple, pure and genuine work of the Lord, where everything flowed by the mercy of the Holy Spirit. However, over the years and centuries, genuine churches of the early Christians were letting political and economic power get involved, and through minds of the profane world, became a strong religious system quite distant from biblical principles. In the book of Revelation, John had a vision in which he saw that such a system was so corrupted, to the point of being called, "The Great Prostitute" by God as the Word says that it will intoxicate his followers with the wine of prostitution.

Brazil was always dominated by a powerful religion. This religion, that we know by the bible is full of idolatry, full of blasphemy, full of lies, and that the media and the communication system supports it in a certain way and it is so strong that looks like some Christians, not the ones from our ministry, obviously, are full of doubts asking, "is it, or is it not?" Is it from the Bible or is it from someone else? Is it the Holy Spirit or is it an organization? We will go through an extraordinary revelation.

#### Who Is the Great Harlot?

- I am not a widow. (Revelation 18:7)
- Exist a religious system that wrath God, and He calls it the Great Prostitute. (Revelation 17:1)
- This religious system is sited. (Revelation 17:15)
- This system that sells God has a doctrine that intoxicates people. (Revelation 17:2)
- This religious system has the appearance of a queen, and it feeds on blood. (Revelation 17:3-6)
- The Great Harlot has daughters prostitutes. The earth is full of its abominations. (Revelation 17:5)
- Rome is the big city that rules over the kings of the earth. (Revelation 17:18)
- All the nations have drunk the maddening wine of their adulteries. (Revelation 18:1-3)
- God is commanding: “Come out of her so that you will not receive any of her plagues”. (Revelation 18:4)
- This meretricious system gives its doctrine to all nations. (Revelation 14:8)

## **Why The Great Harlot Is So Repugnant To God?**

Let's see from two different perspectives:

1. Historical – Rome is Pagan. The idolatry and the worship of the emperors as deities.
2. Prophetic – Is the Anti-Christ. It is the apostasy that influence people, multitudes, nations and languages.

- This system killed many of God's people. (Revelation 17:6)
- This church is already judged by Almighty God. (Revelation 18:7)
- They do business with God's things (idol, rosary, holy water, holy shroud, relics, etc.). (Revelation 18:3)
- There will come the day when no one will buy your products anymore. (Revelation 18:9-11)
- People of God, apostles and prophets have their causes judged by God. (Revelation

18:12-13)

### **Why God Says That This Church Is Widow?**

- The woman (church) cannot marry with a second man while her first husband is still alive. (Romans 7:1-4)
- We belong to other, to him who was raised from the dead. The people of God goes after the Promised Land. (Romans 7:4)
- This commandment was taken out of Bible of that system. (Exodus 20:1-6)
- God does not forget none of the unlawful acts of the malignant system. (Revelation 18:5)

### **The Protestant System Has Drunk the Same Wine. It Worship the Christ (Flesh), Did Things Meant To Jews And Bargained With God's People. The Current Protestantism is Under Spiritual Adultery. When Christ Died On The Cross The Church Should Marry the Risen Christ But Continued To be Married To the Died Christ Instead**

- Other spirit, other Jesus, other gospel. (2 Corinthians 11:4)
- Will be under God's curse how is preaching other gospel. (Galatians 1:6-9)
- We should leave apart the dead Christ and the rudiments of law to follow what is perfect. (Hebrews 6:1-2)

**FINAL WORDS:** The Church while in grace will never be allowed to get intoxicated through the Great Harlot's doctrines. We are wise we are the light of the world and salt of the earth. We are more than a conqueror, that don't give authority to the beast.



### 3

## **THE GREAT HARLOT – PART II**

“I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup> Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.”

Acts 20:29-31

**FOR YOU** – The Apostle Paul prophesied that the Church was going to be attacked by a kind of leaders whose primary purpose was not God, but just human, and that they were going to convince people to follow them.

### **Who Is the Grievous Wolf? From Where He Comes? What Kind Of Message Is He Preaching? What Is The Spirit That He Transmit? What Cause In the Life Of A Person?**

In the book of Revelations, chapters 17 and 18 shows that has one religious system called by God of the “Great Harlot”, the “Babylon”, and this system is represented by a widow Church.

— This woman protects herself from a sentence given by God. “You are a Widow!”. This widow (the church) is the religious system that doesn’t have Jesus as a husband. Every religious system that doesn’t have Jesus as your One Lord, and unconditional is a widow

church. The church that doesn't have Jesus as husband is not a church! (Revelation 18:7)

- And a religious system that God calls harlot has the repulsion and indignation of God, sell the image of God, generate idolatry and paganism, and that in reality they are ravening wolves dragging people behind them and not to God. This religious system is everywhere. (Revelation 17:1-15)
- This system has a doctrine that intoxicate people. (Revelation 17:2)
- God's order is to flee from idolatry. (1 Corinthians 10:14)
- Who belongs to Christ doesn't belong to a prostitute. (1 Corinthians 6:15-17)
- We have to keep ourselves away from idolatry. (1 John 5:21)
- Who trust in idols become a lifeless person. (Psalm 115:4-8)
- Who is involved in idolatry does not have the capacity to see that it is a lie. (Isaiah 44:13-20)

## **Mary**

It was given more importance to Mary than to Jesus, and it was all because of the Catholic church has created that.

### Some verses for reference:

Mathew 12:50

Luke 1:46-48

Luke 2:21

Luke 2:48

Luke 2:51

John 2:1-5

John 9:27

Acts 1:12-15

## **Peter**

Peter was never a pope nor went to Rome.

Some verses for reference:

1 Peter 5:1

Mathews 16:16-19

1 Peter 2:3-5

## **The Resurrected – The New Covenant**

Some verses as reference:

Hebrews 10:19-20

2 Corinthians 5:16

Galatians 2:20-21

Hebrews 10:9

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Revelation 17:14

**FINAL WORDS:** Although the Great Prostitute is seated over people, over nations, and languages of the entire world, at the Church of Grace it will not dominate and it will not spread its tentacles, because God will not allow it. The gates of Hades will not overcome the Church of Jesus Christ.

## 4

### THE REFORM

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both  
now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

**FOR YOU** – In 1517, nearly 500 years has passed, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church named Martin Luther began to deeply study the word of God, because he found himself in an existential dilemma, in a tremendous struggle between his flesh and his spirit. Real spiritual warfare Luther had with his spiritual state: some days he was feeling strong, brave, saved, confident about eternal life; however sometimes he felt guilty, like the worst man of all time, close to hell. He felt that there was something more than idolatry, candles, sacraments, ordinances, instructions, washings, etc.

#### Luther Needed More of God So God Enlightened Him

- Six words changed completely the spiritual history and religious of humanity. (Romans 1:17)
- Luther objected to the church saying: “It is better that I obey God rather than men”. Then, the Reform Movement of the Church has begun. (Galatians 1:10)
- Luther discovers that the first commandment is against idolatry. He had been fooled because of the dogmas and doctrines imposed by the clergy. (Deuteronomy 5:8)
- The Holy Spirit of God enlightened men to show the biblical true to the elected and

predestined. (John 8:32)

- It was from the reform of the Catholic Church that was born the Evangelical Churches: Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, etc. (John 8:32)
- Again the gospel tends to be humanized or dogmatized, and with ordinances attempt to bring man to slavery. (Galatians 1:11-12)
- Luther fought the clericalism in the Church, for the Bible says that all Christians are priests. (1 Peter 2:9)
- The five basic principles of the Lutheran Reformation are: only the Scripture, only the Faith, Only Christ, only the Grace, universal priesthood. (Hebrews 12:22-24)
- The Reform was a revival of this coal, whose flame of testimony spread throughout the earth. (Isaiah 6:13)

**FINAL WORDS:** All the time there are people knocking at our door with strange doctrines of God's words. It is up to us, the watchmen of the reformed Faith, to watch and to pray so the enemy does not take us while we are unaware and fool us with its lies and vain philosophies. Therefore we should maintain the Sound Doctrine and the Grace, honoring those apostles of Jesus Christ, through whom the purity of the Gospel has recovered its honor.

# 5

## WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL TRUTH?

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32

**FOR YOU** –Are we all predestined? Do we have free will? This discussion has been nurtured for centuries, from St Augustine and being emphasized by John Calvin (Grace) for whom the sovereignty of God was total, predetermining all that happens. Arminianism (legalism) opposes the Grace of God, emphasizing freewill, man’s responsibility regarding his salvation and denying that all things have been predetermined from eternity.

### Legalism vs. Grace of God

Legalism	Grace of God
FREE WILL	MAN'S TOTAL DEPRAVITY
Even if the human nature was affected by the sin, in the man’s fall, he didn’t lost all his capability to choose God. (Isaiah 55:7; John 12:32; John 17:21)	Because of the man’s fall the sinner is incapable to be the target since he is already dead, blind and death to all things that belongs to God. (Ephesians 2:1; Romans 3:10-12)
God makes the sinner capable in order to, for his own will, to regret and to believe. (John 1:12; John 5:40)	A man’s heart is deceitful and wicked. Your will is not free because he is a slave to sin. (Psalm 51:5; Jeremy 13:23)
Every sinner has the free will and his destiny is	A man doesn’t want, he can’t choose the right or

determined by him. (Matthew 25:41,46)	to rebound the bad. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
A sinner can cooperate with the Holy Spirit and be saved or to resist and be lost forever. (Romans 14:10)	God takes the initiative giving the gift of faith, making the man revive spiritually. (Ephesians 2:8)
A sinner needs the help from the Holy Spirit, and his is regenerated after he believes only. (Isaiah 55:7)	The Holy Spirit seals and regenerate, gives life and a new creation. (Titus 3:5)
The faith is a gift from the sinner to God, and his contribution to salvation. (Acts 16:30-31)	The faith is the gift from the grantee to God for the salvation of the sinner. (Galatians 3:23)
<b>CONDITION ELECTION</b>	<b>UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION</b>
God foresaw those who accept salvation and predestined the saved ones. (Deuteronomy 30:19)	God chose some people for salvation before the foundation of the world by his sovereign will. (Ephesians 1:4)
God chose only those that He saw beforehand who would believe by their own will. (John 8:24)	The election is not based on prior knowledge of a response or act of obedience of the sinner. (John 6:65)
Future work of the saved determine their election. (James 2:17)	The election is not determined or conditioned by any virtue or works of men. (Ephesians 2:9; 2 Timothy 1:9)
The faith that God saw in man, which was based election, was not given by the Holy Spirit but it is the man's own will. (1 Peter 1:2)	The one whom God has chosen for its sovereignty is moved by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:48)
Belong to man the prerogative of those who will believe and who will be chosen for salvation. The cause of salvation is a decision of the sinner. (Revelation 22:17)	The fundamental cause of salvation is the sinner's election by God (2 Thessalonians 2:13)
<b>HIS SACRIFICE FOR WHOLE WORLD</b>	<b>HIS SACRIFICE FOR THE CHOSEN</b>

<p>The sacrifice of Christ makes it possible for anyone to be saved, but does not guarantee eternal salvation to anyone. (1 Timothy 2:4)</p>	<p>Christ was sacrificed to redeem his people, and he opened the door only for the Chosen ones. (John 17:6-9)</p>
<p>The redemption of Christ is effective if the man accept it. (2 Peter 3:9)</p>	<p>The gift of faith is given by the Spirit to all for whom Christ died guaranteeing eternal salvation. (Jude 1:24)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY WEATHERED</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN NOT BE WEATHERED</b></p>
<p>The call of the Holy Spirit can be resisted since man is free. The Spirit cannot regenerate the sinner if he does not want. Free will limit the Holy Spirit. (Luke 18:23)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit calls the elect and the Grace of God is infallible, convinces the sinner, converts it, gives you life and sanctify it. (1 Corinthians 1:30)</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit can only bring to Christ those who allow it. Grace is not irresistible, it can be frustrated. (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit draws the elect and saves because it is not limited to man's will. Grace is irresistible, always results in the salvation of the elect. (Colossians 2:13)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALVATION CAN BE LOST</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALVATION CANNOT BE LOST</b></p>
<p>The saved can lose their salvation by a sin or by not persevere in the Church. Only who endures to the end shall be saved. (Hebrews 6:6)</p>	<p>Todos os escolhidos por Deus, redimidos e que receberam o Espírito Santo são salvos eternamente e perseveram até o fim. All chosen by God, redeemed and that receive the Holy Spirit are eternally saved and endure to the end. (Hebrews 10:39; 1 Corinthians 5:5)</p>

**FINAL WORDS:** The salvation is effected by the omnipotence and sovereignty of God. The true manifestation of One God, the Father has chosen people for whom His Son died and the Holy Spirit leads to receive faith and to repent. The election, redemption and regeneration is God's work and it is only by Grace. Therefore God, not man, determines who the ones are that receive the gift of salvation.



## 6

### THE TWO PHASES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory  
both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

**FOR YOU** – The church of Jesus, lacking in revelation, has served Christ in flesh, which came to fruition of the law with its mandates, ceremonies, ablutions, sacrifices, thus leaving to live in the New Covenant of the resurrected Christ with his promises and eternal blessings.

#### **“Grow In the Grace To be Formed In it”, Recognizing The Position in Christ: Security, Sanctity, Inheritance**

- “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6)
- “He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness...” (Colossians 1:13)
- “For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever...” (Hebrews 10:14)
- “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable...” (1 Peter 1:23)
- “...Keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence...” (Jude 24)
- We have the guarantee that our salvation is forever.

Some verses as reference:

Isiah 35:8

Isaiah 46:4

John 3:16

John 8:35

John 10:28

Romans 8:38-39

1 Corinthians 5:5

Ephesians 4:30

Philippians 1:6

Colossians 3:4

2 Timothy 1:12

1 John 5:18

### **“And Knowledge of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ”**

- “My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2-3)

### **The Pre-existence of God**

- “They said, Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’” (John 6:42)
- “Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!” (John 6:62)
- Ascended to heaven He who came down from there. (John 3:13)
  
- “‘You are not yet fifty years old’, they said to him, ‘and you have seen Abraham!’” (John 8:56-58)
- “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the

world began.” (John 17:5)

## **The Deity of God**

- “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)
- “... and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)
- “The Word became flesh...” (John 1:14)
- “The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me.” (John 12:45)
- “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?” (John 14:10)
- “Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!” (Romans 9:5)
- “Giving up the form of God, he made himself in human likeness.” (Philippians 2:6-7)
- “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)
- God was manifested in flesh. Christ is God. (1 Timothy 3:16)

## **The Two Manifestations of the Lord Jesus Christ:**

### **1. Christ in the Days of His Flesh (the church’s groom according to the LAW)**

- Jesus fasted for 40 days. (Matthew 4:1-2)
- Jesus reserved Saturdays according to the law. (Matthew 5:17)
- He was circumcised at the completion of eight days. (Luke 2:21)
- According to the Law of Moses, he was presented to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)
- Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. (John 13:5)
- Jesus got dressed and ate according to the law: Jesus has submitted himself to all Jewish festivities.

## **2. Christ In The Days of His Resurrection (the church's groom according to the GRACE)**

- “So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” (2 Corinthians 5:16)
- “... that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.” (Romans 7:4)
- “... we preach Christ crucified...” (after the flesh). (1 Corinthians 1:23)
- “During the days of Jesus’ life on earth...” (Hebrews 5:7-10)
- “by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...” (Hebrews 10:20-22)

**FINAL WORDS:** The God of all the Grace, in Christ, perfects us, firms, fortifies and underlies (1 Peter 5:10). When your life is based on Him, your confession is aligned with a pact of superior promises.

# 7

## THE WILL OF GOD

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

Ephesians 5:17

**FOR YOU** – The purpose of this study is to show the importance of knowing the will of the Lord for our lives, to achieve a life of excellence.

### What is God’s Will?

- Our Sanctification. “My grace is sufficient for you...” (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- To let us be more than conquerors. (2 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 8:37)
- To let us overcome the evil. (1 John 2:14)
- To let us prosper. (1 Timothy 6:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6)
- To let us live cured and in good health. ( 1 Peter 2:24; 3 John 1:2)
- To let us receive blessings: wealth, glory, inheritance. (Ephesians 1:18; Galatians 3:9)

### How to Exercise and to Participate God’s Will?

- You have to believe. (Hebrews 10:35-36)
- You have to confess. (Hebrews 6:12)
- You have to receive. (Romans 4:17)
- You have to maintain your confession. (Hebrews 4:14)

## **What is a Confession of Faith?**

- To declare something that we know. (Deuteronomy 26:17)
- To affirm something that we believe. (Mark 11:23)
- To testify something that we have. (Acts 10:42)
- Certainty and conviction. (Hebrews 11:1)

## **How Does God See US?**

- We must transform ourselves by the renewal of our mind. (Romans 12:1-2)
- God sees us righteous, forgiven, loved, healed and free. (1 John 2:12)
- We must see ourselves as He sees us and accept it by faith. (Romans 1:17)

## **Nullifying and Destroying, Receiving and Rejecting, Binding and Unbinding**

- Nullifying sophisms and pride. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- If someone doesn't bring this doctrine, do not receive it. (2 John 10:11)
- Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. (Matthew 18:18-19)

## **Encouragement to "Excellent Life"**

- "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth." (Ephesians 4:29)
- "I believed; therefore I have spoken." (2 Corinthians 4:13)
- Do not be ensnared with negative words. (Proverbs 6:2)
- "The mouths of fools are their undoing..." (Proverbs 18:7)
- "Those who guard their lips preserve their lives..." (Proverbs 13:3;21-23)
- "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing..." (James 3:10)
- "... For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." (Matthew 12: 34-35)

**FINAL WORDS:** Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is the God of impossible. His will is good, perfect and pleasing. He made you to live as head, and not as tail. Failures aren't definitive. The blessing of the Lord is eternal.

## 8

### The Apostolic Church

“ Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20-22

**FOR YOU** – Through this study we will understand the apostolic craft within the church of Jesus Christ, learning how a church must function within the language of the Christian spirit that is contained within the New Testament. The church have an apostolic aspect to possess the conditions of fulfilling the destiny that God has for it on earth.

### How the Church Will Fulfill its Grand Mission

“Go into the entire world and preach the Gospel, heal the sick, free the oppressed.”

- The breath of the Holy Spirit for these last days is an impetuous breath, a breath which nobody can brace. (Isaiah 59:19-20)
- The disciples which were sent became apostles. (Matthew 10:1-5)
- The great apostolic secret is in the word “send”. The apostle is an envoy, an ambassador, the one that has a mission, a messenger, a spokesman of God, that has anointment, a credibility and support of God. (Luke 11:49)
- Barnabas and Saul became apostles once they were sent. (Acts 13:1-4)



### **The Apostolic Messenger is the One that Has:**

- A message;
- A vision of a spiritual life;
- Credibility of God;
- Anointment of the Holy Spirit;
- Security in which you say and do;
- Revelation of the Lord to convey the message;
- Authority given by God;
- The sufficiency is in God;
- Recognize the Sovereignty of God;
- Has a commitment with the Reign of God.

### **A Church, in Biblical Terms, Has to be Built Over the Foundations, Over the Scope of the Apostle and of the Prophet. (Ephesians 2:20-22)**

- The church that doesn't have an apostolic ministry of ambassadors, has a bum ministry, without purpose, a human reign, with contradictions and customs of men, which enslave the children of God. (Isaiah 10:27)
- A life of miracles and authority is only possible when God releases the apostolic anointment. (Luke 9:1-2; Ephesians 4:8-12)
- The church becomes a participant of the apostolic mission through the church's Apostle. (Philippians 1:7)
- And God through the hands of Paul performed extraordinary miracles. (Acts 19:11-12)
- In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19:20; Acts 12:24)

### **Three Basic Functions of the Apostolate**

- Open the eyes of the spiritual blind. (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 1:18)
- To convert the darkness to light. (John 8:12)
- Converting the power of Satan to God (Colossians 1:13/ Romans 3:23-26)

### **An Apostolic Church has Special Coverage and Protection**

- God manifests signs and wonders. (Acts 5:12-16)
- God enables to preserve the unit. (Acts 2:42)

### **Characteristics of the Primitive Church**

- The one who established the pastor as an envoy was God. (1 Corinthians 12:28)
- The unity and love of the church were noticed. (Acts 2:42-45)
- The Christians persevered in prayer, unanimous persevering in the temple and enjoyed the favor of all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

### **The Apostolic Seal is the Mark of the Apostolate**

- The apostolate needs credentials. (1 Corinthians 9:2; 2 Corinthians 12:12)
- There exists false apostles preaching a different Jesus, a different gospel. (2 Corinthians 11: 4-5)
- The one that declares himself apostle leads a bum ministry, doesn't possess the seal of God, doesn't have legitimacy, doesn't have authenticity, is not an envoy, it is a ministry of lies. (Revelations 2:2; John 14:26)
- The apostolic church has a seal of power. (1 Corinthians 2:4)

### **Characteristics of Someone that was Sent**

- Has credentials to preach. (Romans 10:15)
- Preaches with courage. (Acts 4:13)

- By the power of God they can perform miracles, signs and wonders. (Hebrews 2:4)
- The sentiment, purpose and destiny are the Great Commission. (Mark 16:15; John 20: 21-22)
- Always have a message of the Lord in your mouth, even when its death. (Acts 7:59-60)

## Signs of a Apostolic Church

- Must also be a prophetic ministry too. (Proverbs 29:18)
- Has the power to testify about the resurrected Christ. (Acts 4:33; 2 Corinthians 5:16; Revelation 1: 17-18)
- Has absolute power over evil. (Luke 9: 1-2)
- Has abundance and excellence of the Grace of God (the life by faith). (2 Corinthians 8:7)
- Has signs and wonders. (Acts 5:12; Acts 2:42-43)
- Has the sign of God's approval. (Acts 2:22)
- Has audacity. (Acts 4: 29-30)
- Has signs always following the sermon. (Acts 7:35-36)
- Has confirmation of the Gospel. (Acts 14:3)

**FINAL WORDS:** It is time for the Church of Jesus Christ to redefine what Church means. Today, many who call themselves churches are places of political concentrations, where the altar is dedicated to political campaigns, or they are a place dedicated to be a social area, or a place where the government has its heavy hand directing it. There has to be a prophetic voice coming from the church of Jesus Christ, because the church is not a place to throw heavy burdens upon the sheep, as the Pharisees and Sadducees did (Matthew 23:3,4 <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.) . The church must raise lives, in order to perfect lives. At Cristo Vive you have an apostolic and prophetic ministry. You feel safe because you are in a ministry approved by God. You are in the right place. Something good will happen to you through God.

## 9

### Prosperity I

“What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.”

Joel 1:4

**FOR YOU** – The prophet Joel, a minister in the time of the King Jehoshaphat, foresaw a vision of locust (crickets, aphids, lizards, and voracious insects) prophesizing an invasion of enemy armies. This reality can currently be determined in the financial crisis. They act against patrimonies, houses, cars, provoke accidents, destroy families, marriages and communities, generating misery, demoralizing, dirtying names, provoking shame, struggle, pain, anguish...suicide. Let's study this in depth and learn how to rid yourself of your actions.

#### The Destruction of the Locust

- Cutter. Acts on plantations ruining fruits, wrecking the crops. (Joel 1:4)
- Migrating. Acts by surprising in swarms, increasing the damage made by the cutter. (Joel 1:4)
- Devourer. Violent type that causes damage and bankruptcy. (Joel 1:4)
- Destructor. Power of annihilation (scorpion): it hurts the farmer and the family. (Joel 1:4)

#### The Locust Have its Strategies

— Destroys at day and night. (Joel 1:6)

### **The Locust Have a Specific Action**

— They eat leaves, destroy fig trees, strip the bark, the branches turn white, lose their strength and become sterile. (Joel 1:7)

### **The Actions of the Locus Leaves Serious Consequences**

— Embarrassment, pain, regret, wailing, grief, devastation, sadness. (Joel 1:12)

### **Each Type of Locust Represents a Diabolical Power that Acts in Patrimonies, Assets, Salaries and Wealth**

- Cutter. Acts in the material life of the disobedient, eats the income, destroys the salary, Eat, by the way of cigarettes, alcohol, gambling, medicine, electric appliances, clothes, cars (crash) – throws away the money.
- Migrator. Inconsistent, acts with damages and unexpected expenses.
- Devourer. Are devastating. Generate misery, pain, debts, damages, hunger, insomnia and unemployment. The victims have their houses and assets taken; can't pay obligations, get involved with devious and dangerous business dealings, assets are taken to auctions, suffer death threats because of debts, become without credit, without morality and without worth. Become garbage, being rejected even by friends, only relate to misery and disgrace. Doors close, they are dumped, everything they do is in vain and are taken to alcoholism and drugs.
- Destroyer. Induces suicide, disasters, death, dread, only ashes remain.

### **Satan has 4 ways of Stealing**

— Plague, shatters, takes the house, cast it to the ground. (Joel 1:7)

### **God has 4 ways of blessing everything that is done for Him or his works**

— Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. (Luke 6:38)

### **The Filth Left by the Locust**

— They eat 24 hours without stopping, defecating at the same time, leaving everything dirty. When they act in the life of man, they soil their name, leaving them without credit, moral, or honor.

### **The Invasion of the Locust Happened Because People Stopped Contributing**

— “Put on sackcloth, you priests, and mourn; wail, you who minister before the altar. Come, spend the night in sackcloth, you who minister before my God; for the grain offerings and drink offerings are withheld from the house of your God.” (Joel 1:13)

### **How Can We Beat the Cutter, Migrator, Devourer and Destroyer? What is the Antidote for it? How Can We Stop Their Actions? How Can We Protect Our Goods, Patrimonies and Salaries? What Is the Secret for the Christians to be Victorious Over Them?**

— The tithe is the antidote of God. Only the tithe can rebuke, hindering actions against the patrimony, assets and salaries

— There are guarantees to those who tithes. (Malachi 3:10-11)

— Only obedience and fidelity on tithing can prevent the attacks and destructions. (Joel 2:14)

**FINAL WORDS:** Do not play with these locusts! A lot or a little, consecrate your tithe to the Lord. Only by this, you will have a God's commitment to protect your finances.

## 10

### Prosperity II

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

2 Corinthians 9:10

**FOR YOU:** You can make your life work even when everything seems wrong. When starting to plant seeds in God’s work, and liberating your faith, God puts you in a process of multiplication. The tithe is proof of faith with God. Always expect more of God.

### **Prosperity is Important. Your Heart Must Be Healed From the Experiences of the Past**

- Put your heart in line with the word of God. (Proverbs 3:1)
- Have the mindset and attitude changed. (Romans 12:2)

### **Steps of Prosperity: Provision and Multiplication**

- You are called to prosper. (Joshua 1:8)
- You deserve the best (don’t say you don’t deserve it). (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- God wants the best for you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

### **Today’s Church Is Not Given a Good Testimony**



- The poorer you are, the more you are saint, pleasant to God (bad confession).
- Money is not of the devil, it is of God, but we shouldn't love it. (1 Timothy 6:10)
- We believe in prosperity. God wants our prosperity. (Psalms 35:27)

### **For Someone To Harvest They Must Sow**

- Sowing is part of the Grace of God. (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- Severe poverty was overcome by riches. Don't wait to have a lot in order to give. It is from the little that it begins. (2 Corinthians 8:2)
- God doesn't have limits. Raises the poor from the dust. (Psalms 113:7)

### **You Do Not Give To Receive But Because You Love. Who Sows Will Receive**

- Gave beyond their possessions. (2 Corinthians 8:3)
- We plead to participate of the offerings. (2 Corinthians 8:4)
- They gave themselves first of all to the Lord. (2 Corinthians 8:5)

### **Money is a "Seed". Do Not Sow Where There Is Division or Damnation But Where You Receive Sustenance**

- Complete this act of grace of offering. (2 Corinthians 8:6)

### **While You Are Not Faithful in Tithes Your Assets and Salaries Will Be Placed in the Disposition of the Devourer, Cutter, Destroyer and Migrator. Do Not be Deluded: They Act with Quickness and Violence**

- "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' 'In tithes and offerings.'<sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.<sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the

floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,' says the LORD Almighty." (Malachi 3:8-11)

### **God Does Not Lend the Tithe to Anyone**

- Not tithing for a period of time is a mistake.
- The infidelity gives the patrimony to Satan. (Malachi 4:1)

### **The Great Men of the Bible Gave Their Tithes**

- Abraham. (Genesis 14:20)
- Jacob. (Genesis 28:22)
- Isaac. (Genesis 26:12-13)
- David. Gave all his gold.
- Solomon. Gave all his gold.
- Barnabas. Gave all his money to the apostles.

### **The Elected Had a Sign, a Protection: They Were Faithful Tithers**

- " Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full." (Psalms 31:23)

### **To Sow Is Part of the Grace and Not the Law**

- Superabundance: in faith, in wisdom, in love and in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

More other verses for reference:

Genesis 14:17-20

Psalms 76:2

Psalms 110:4

Hebrews 7:1-10

Hebrews 7:15-16; 23-24

### **Accept Prosperity as the Divine Right. You Were Born To Conquer**

- The ways of God are incomprehensible to us. (Ephesians 3:20)
- The sinner gathers to give to the person the pleases God. (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

### **God Will Give You Back Everything That The Devil Has Taken From You**

- The faithful will never be embarrassed. (Joel 2:23-27)

**FINAL WORDS:** Liberate your faith by planting seeds. God does everything based in the act of sowing, because this way the fruits of His justice will grow. Expect a lot more of God. Do not postpone your decision, leaving your patrimonies, possessions, and salaries in the hands of the devourer. Presently God invites you to taste his fruits of financial victories.