

The RIGHTEOUS are



As bold as a LION

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2004

10:30 AM

The Gathering

"His & Heirs"

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Good morning and Welcome to the Gathering

This morning we shall speak of mysteries, of great things past and of even greater things to come. We will need God's help, especially me

Show Text Slide Heb 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things,

Show Message Slide The Title Of My Message This Morning is His & Heirs

Show Prayer Slide Let's pray

O LORD, you are the hope of us your chosen people  
We declare your words now....  
"Those who depart from Me  
Shall be written in the earth,  
Because they have forsaken the LORD,  
The fountain of living waters."  
Heal US, O LORD our Father, and we shall be healed;  
Save us, and we shall be saved, LORD JESUS

For You are our praise!

The redeemed, the Holy angels, and awaiting creation cries,

"Where is the word of the LORD?"

And we say....Let it come now!"

In Jesus name Amen

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I like to ask questions..

- Why can't we do that?
- Why doesn't this work?
- Why do people do that?
- Why am I here?
- Why did God make a trillion Zillion stars bursting with energy so powerful, you could make toast on the heat of just one of them, from ten million miles away
- And then, Why did He surround these fiery globes with cold icy empty space?
- And Why then do we hardly ever look up at them! and when we do it's just a quick glance, because what we are really concerned about is our Electricity bill, and how we're going to save energy, whilst these orbs dissipate more energy in a click than we can experience, in a billion life times.
- Does God care about my Electricity Bill?
- Why are we here, under this particular sun?
- Why is here such a mess?

- Why do Christians have a hope? Not just a nice maybe
- But a certain knowledge that in the end all shall be well, and by the end **they really mean a new beginning?**
- And if there was a new beginning then **why?** What happened to the old one, and what was before all these stars, and galaxies, and bills and problems, and hopes and dreams and certainties?
- When did it happen? What is s going to happen Why is it going to happen?

**Show Text Slide** John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. NKJV

In the Bible God has revealed Himself in His person as **one God, yet three in one, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** The TRINITY. This is not a biblical term, but one we use to encapsulate the revelation of the God of the scriptures who tells us that there is only one true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, **the same in substance but distinct in nature.**

This helps us answer the question **When did all we are aware of begin. & Why are we here.?**

Let me explain:-...You see It's evident before you build anything you gat an architect and the architect comes up with a plan!

**What goes where, who's going to do what!**

Examining the scriptutres we come up with these conclusions! That at some point , before space and time, within the Godhead, **a plan existed, and agreements were made between the Father Son and Holy Spirit.**

Some plans were immediately evident to conscious beings at their creation, **indeed they spoke in the most consistent and glorious of terms:-**

**Show Text Slide** Psalms 19:1-4The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. 2 Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 3 They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; 4 yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. NLT

Creation speaks of His majestic awesomeness and calls us to **worship and acknowledge Him!** Of course it does. It is in the plans that such beauty and such splendour should call us to worship!

Other plans, *our salvation for example*, it seems were *open but hard to be understood*, even by fiery servants, that could blast Galaxies with a sneeze,:-

**Show Text Slide** 1 Peter 1:10-12 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into. NKJV

Other plans are still hard to be understood, some have only had the title page lifted, and others still remain unturned and have yet to be revealed, totally,

**Show Text Slide** 1 Cor 2:7-9 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

**Show Bullet Point Slide** All of these plans it seems

- stand,
- go on,
- have purpose,
- and an unstoppable accomplishment

Can we give a name to these designed revealed, the partially revealed and the hidden eternal plans of the eternal God of this vast universe?

**Yes Paul gives them a name**

**Show Text Slide** Eph 3:8-11 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 **according to the eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, NKJV

Yes we can..it is the **ETERNAL PURPOSE IN CHRIST JESUS**

In God, as one fine preacher puts it, **in the long ago**, all we see now was purposed.

The purpose first of all was this, that the father should create, and he should create through the Son, the Word of God, in great power and wisdom

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Scientists, who do not believe in God, search inner space and outer space and are astonished at how the physical universe IS SO wonderfully designed and held together, what wisdom there is in its creation listen to this

*On 21/8/95 The Times reported that the AT the University of Massachusetts distinguished British-born cosmologist Professor Edward Harrison states in an article in an issue of the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society: 'We do not know why natural qualities, such as the strength of gravity, the speed of light, the electric charge on the electron and so on have the values they do. Yet the slightest variation of their values would result in a barren universe without stars or light. Why are they precisely adjusted to give rise to life?' Prof. Harrison says one of the answers is that a supreme being - God - designed the universe in just the form needed for life. The only objection he raises to this answer is that it precludes further rational inquiry!*

Have they never heard **Show Text Slide** Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the

word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. NKJV  
9Understanding this makes small the difference for example (Clive Barker)

**Show Text Slide** Heb 1:2-3 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, NKJV

**Show Text Slide** Truly this is a matter of faith, not abandoned intellect but intellect apprehending faith!-- Matt 11:25-26 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

Truly even from the lips of this unbelieving Massachusetts professor, we see **Show Text Slide** Cor 1:24 Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God NKJV

Indeed we read of this wisdom of Christ personified in, Proverbs 8:22-31 The Lord formed me in the beginning, before he created anything else. 23 From ages past, I am. I existed before the earth began.

24 I lived before the oceans were created, before the springs bubbled forth their waters onto the earth, 25 before the mountains and the hills were made.

26 Yes, I was born before God made the earth and fields and the first handfuls of soil.

27 "I was there when he established the heavens and formed the great springs in the depths of the oceans. I was there when he set the limits of the seas and gave them his instructions not to spread beyond their boundaries. I was there when he made the blueprint for the earth and oceans. 30 I was the craftsman at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence. 31 And how happy I was with what he created—his wide world and all his family of mankind!

**Through Jesus, both invisible and visible, the heavens and the earth, WERE MADE...through His essential word and wisdom**

Christ being the creator, is regarded by the Father as the Firstborn of creation, not that which was created first, who then went on to create what we see, NO!

**But rather, because of what he has created, he receives a title of excellence**

THE FIRSTBORN OF CREATION, the pre-eminent one, the most excellent one, the rightful heir  
That's it, The father in the relationship within the Godhead to Jesus the Son, has rightly appointed His

**son heir of all things, because he is the wise creator of all things**

Jesus is heir of all things. By right of creation! The Father created through Him and gave it to Him!

- **Show Next 3 text** John 3:35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
- John 13:3-4 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, NKJV
- John 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. NKJV

**His heirship follows His sonship, and preceded His making the worlds  
As the first begotten, He is heir of the universe), which He made**

**Show Slide** (in God's eternal counsel) Christ was "appointed" to creation as an office; the universe so created was assigned to Him as a kingdom.

**He is "heir of all things" by right of creation,**

**Show Slide** BUT MORE much more! He is "heir of all things", ESPECIALLY by right of redemption.

**Show TITLE Slide** We have spoken of the eternal counsels of God in Christ Jesus

We have been DWELLING ON THE ETERNAL GOD AND HIS COUNSELS BEFORE TIME BEGAN! Lets come forward now to a time before God refers to as **the beginning**, by acknowledging that, he first created a spiritual world full of spiritual beings, the heavenly host, angels, uncountable it would appear

How long they existed, if we can measure their existence in terms of time, we do not know,

BUT WE DO KNOW THAT **FOR US,** CREATED LOWER THAN THE ANGELS THERE CAME A BEGINNING IN TIME!!

A billion SPINNING ORBS, an immeasurable physical realm with a focal point being a shiny blue planet, hidden in the vast expanse of space

And upon this planet God would do something that the already created angelic host, would be shocked about and CONSTANT BE AMAZED AT even now. God would create a being, so miniscule in the context of His greatness and his universe,

yet so wonderful, in that these being would be created in His image. These beings would reflect His glory.

- These beings would have a space within them reserved only for the father God,
- these beings would receive of his inheritance freely, all that was at their hand would be their bar one thing

**Show Text Slide** Gen 2:16-17 and the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." NKJV

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innocent man, tested for fidelity and righteousness.  
THOUGH TEMPTED FREELY CHOSE  
DISOBEDIENCE AND DESTRUCTION

tempted they were, eat they did,

- and we being bound up in them, legally, spiritually and genetically fell with them and Paradise was indeed lost, The whole universe became unclean in His sight
- light was turned to darkness,
- goodness to evil,
- and hell laughed all the way to Bethlehem

and then the laughing stopped! Because wonder of wonders,

he creator himself, Jesus, wisdom, clothed himself with flesh and appeared amongst us. **Show Text Slide** John 1:14-15 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. NKJV

It would be wrong of me this morning to miss out the foundation of this revelation, and not to unfold to you this great plan and its consequences,

BECAUSE IT IS AN ETERNAL PURPOSE, and STILL HAS AN ETERNAL FULFILLMENT

You see I spoke of Christ in space and time, BORN AT Bethlehem crucified 33 years later on Calvary cross, lamb slain to make payment for Sin, yet the last book of the Bible referring to worshippers of the devil says at the time of the end,

**Show Text Slide** Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. NKJV

THE LAMB SLAIN WAS DONE SO IN THE ETRNAL COUNSELS OF GOD, BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF ALL THINGS

IT WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FATHER AND THE Son that JESUS SHOULD BE THE CREATOR AND THAT THE CREATOR SHOULD ALSO BE THE REDEEMER,

*and lead many sons to Glory*

HE WOULD BE THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS BY RIGHT OF CREATION & REDEMPTION

this WAS HIDDEN BUT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED, AND AS THE ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO IT LOOK INTO IT SO WILL WE.

It's simple really..At the fall we lost a good kingdom, but through Christ we have been **predestined to a better one**

You would think friends that all of this is only about Jesus and I want to suggest to you that it is not! I want to suggest to you that this creation and redemption is chiefly about you

**Show CHILD Slide** Wonder of wonders..we are not an after thought. **WE ARE THE THOUGHT**

**WE ARE THE POINT OF IT ALL..THE PURPOSE OF ALL THIS IS US, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.**

HE CREATED ALL THINGS FOR US, AND US FOR HIMSELF

**Show Text Slide** 1 Cor 3:21-23 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come--all are yours. 23 And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Jesus, SON OF GOD LORD, SAVIOUR HERO and HEIR of all things,

Has made us sons of GOD and so

**Show Text Slide** Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, NKJV

I WANT YOU TO SEE THIS NOW..THE FATHER  
CANNOT THINK ON THE SON WITHOUT  
THINKING ON US

HE CANNOT BLESS THE SON, AND WE NOT BE  
BLESSED IN HIM...AS WE WERE LEGALLY,  
EMOTIONALLY AND GENETICALLY TIED UP IN  
THE FIRST ADAM, MUCH MORE HAVE WE THE  
ELCT OF GOD EVER AND ALWAYS BEEN TIED UP  
WITH THE LAST ADAM JESUS

It goes something like this..WHEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD LOST IT ALL... THE ETERNAL COUNSEL OPENED AND IT ONLY TOOK US FORWARD, TO BIGGER, BETTER, BEST

And friends you wont find it here..it's not in the plan!!!!

**Show Text Slide** Heb 11:8-11 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. NKJV

YOU SEE THE OBJECT OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS IS  
TO PPUT US IN HIS KINGDOM  
A KINGDOM WITH A CAPITAL CITY  
WHERE GOD LIVES!

We are a Holy Nation, a kingdom of priests, and like the Levites of old Israel,

**Show Text Slide** Num 18:20 Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land,

nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. NKJV

God is our inheritance ALL HE IS AND ALL HE HAS  
WE HAVE A JOINT TENANCY AGREEMENT

GOD IN US  
AND US IN HIM  
AND US ALL IN HEAVEN TOGETHER

God, peace, blessedness, happiness, contentment, ease with ourselves and with one another, those things, which are even so hard to experience in the church of the firstborn, shall at last BE realised in heaven

This doesn't excite us..We have bought into the saying that to be heavenly minded is to be of no earthly use, and to be so heavenly minded is to throw away your youth!

**SHOW TADA SLIDE AND READ ARTICLE!**

HOW MUCH DO WE DESIRE THIS, HOW MUCH DO WE DESIRE TO BE CLOTHED UPON? FOR SURELY OUR DESIRE SHALL REFELCT OUR NEED AND OUR HUNGER, FOR THAT WE WHICH DO NOT POSSESS

**Show Text Slide** Ps 42:1-2 the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? NKJV

- Now this morning, let us measure our possessions and pursuits on earth
- Match them with our possession in Christ and our pursuance of Christ and
- WEIGH them on the scales of passion

How much are we truly gripped by Christ, or inheritance in Him?

How much is our desire for Him and for Heaven our eternal home?

HOW FAR HAVE WE FALLEN FROM OR HOW MUCH ARE WE UNAWARE OF WHO WE ARE IN HIM AND WHAT WE ARE IN HIM?

"These are the beings whose nature the Son of God assumed! These are the chosen creatures whom the Prince of Heaven bought with "his own blood."

They will stand astonished at the divine glory which will be manifested in beings emancipated from sin and hell and made heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

angels shall be surprised and awed as they look on the Church and say to one another: "This is the bride — the Lamb's wife!" They will marvel why the Lord of Glory should come to this poor earth to seek a spouse, and that He should enter into eternal union with such a people.

Our saviour, our master, our husband, our lover, our  
Jesus is heir of all things..and we are joint heirs with  
Him..

How R U giving , O Meagre one  
How R U trusting O frightened One  
How are you living, O Sinful One

You are not meagre, you are mighty in God  
You must cast off fear and live in His fullness

You must stop being hapless with regards to sin and  
start being Holy.Look at who we are in Jesus guys..  
What do you need....ASK

We are great in Jesus and are commanded to have  
great thoughts..all is ours..

Our master commands us to lay up our treasure in  
heaven and to treat this world as a

- caravan route,
- a battle field
- a place of work,

until we enter into our rest in heaven.

It's done, heaven is bought, it's done, the price is paid,  
it's done this land of shadows is passing and we have  
an inheritance reserved for us , incorruptible undefiled  
and that fadeth not away.

R U loneley..for heaven

1/5/2004

I wonder what might it take for God to get us lonely,  
For God to have us make an impact for him her  
A broken neck  
Led to a Drawing Writing Acting  
Named to a presidential council advising on  
disabilities,  
She travels the world, debating and fighting for  
disabled peoples right to life, right to live...

This paralysis she says is my greatest mercy

A longing for heaven has led to such earthly impact.

We are Heirs with Jesus, the best is yet to come,  
meanwhile as heirs we have access to all things to  
change our country, to turn America back to God, to  
be a shining light here in beautiful crescent hill. At  
the beginning of this year, this year of our Lord this  
year of ours 2004, what are you living for, heir of  
God! This year dear friend **SHALL YOU BE A PRINCE  
OR A PAUPER..CHOOSE!**

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