The High Priests Breastplate

Caiaphas the high priest made the statement that "it is expedient that one man (speaking of Christ) should die for the people, and not only that but that He would gather together in one (in Christ) all the children of God scattered abroad.

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This is aboutÂ believersÂ scattered about in different doctrines,Â beliefsÂ and denominations. and a great truth. As HeÂ said "where two or more are gathered together in myÂ Name there am I", gathered "in Christ". And as we are gathered to eternal truths that were with the father, we are gathered to something much more than a city Â at a specific point in time. We are gathered to something more solid thenÂ a mountain of granite. For the form of this world passes away, so that the eternal remains. And it is not as if the eternal has to be brought down or brought back like at some 2nd coming. No it is much easier than that.

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DeuÂ 30.**11Â** Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.Â **12Â** It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, â€œWho will ascend into heavenÂ to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?â€• Â **13Â** Nor is it beyond the sea,Â so that you have to ask, â€œWho will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?â€• Â **14Â** No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Â This is the word of faith we preach.

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What we are gathered to are these transparent stones of truth. It is from this quarry that we are hewn. Like Peter being a living rock, we too are living stones being built, assembled, or gathered up a spiritual habitation for God.

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Â The High Priests ephod with 12 stones

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The high priest had an ephod which was a breast plate with 12 stones positioned on the front, over his heart. And it is these 12 stones gathered together that he holds very dear. 12 is the number of tribes of Israel and the number of disciples and symbolizes the foundation of the house of God. (Rev 21) We are His house. It isn't until the high priest puts these on that he goes into the Holy of Holies. Without them He does not enter. What he holds dear he takes into the very presence of the

Father Himself.Â

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Isn't that what Christ prayed in John 17? Father that they may be one with us? And this prayer was said by the same person who said "let there be light"? And that did not take some 2000 plus years but "it was so". And isn't this He who said "take up thy bed and walk"? So too in Gethsemane He spoke and prepared a place for them and us that "where I am they may be also". This was for them and is operational for us today. This is the message. He became sin for us to become righteous "in Him" so "be ye reconciled". Be one with. Be gathered to the Father now, be gathered to the truth. For we have such a High Priest eternal in the heavens now appearing to the Father. For this reason we can go boldly to the throne room of grace. This is a current reality of life in the spirit to all who believe. Take caution that no one rob you of this reward of faith for your heavenly Father desires this with you. This is what He paid for with His Son. He does not come back to do this.

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You see this is the age of transformation and transfiguration. For we are being transfigured into the same full image from glory to glory by the spirit. (2 Corinthians 3.18)

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But there are those who believe that they are left in limbo waiting for Christ to come back and do something. That they will not believe to receive. But when Christ does come back, it is not to pick up where He left off to finish a work in you as though He did something half way. For the just shall live by faith, and without faith it is impossible to please Him. For when He comes he would not save for He already did that. For when you see it, it is not of faith, for we are saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope.

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There is a coming a time when "time is no more" (Rev 10.6). That only the eternal remains (Heb 12.27). That which we have acquired in this age, that which we have received from Him we keep. This is our whole purpose to lay hold of why He laid hold of us. But what about when He comes?Â

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Revelation 22.11Â He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous**[**e**]**Â still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.â€• Again, time is no more. The time we live in is to put on Christ now. This time has an end.

So if we have the notion that His work will continue later we may be found slothful stewards. For He is close at hand who judges us and His reward is with Him to give as He wills. And He wants to today. "It is the Fathers good pleasure to give us the Kingdom" But if we are looking for it with our eyes it is passing before us like the wind.Â This is not an event but a life style. The flesh will return to the dust like it came. The transformation of our heart, mind and soul and putting on the new body is now. If we do not put on Christ and the invisible truths about Him that are Him now, we may be found naked and ashamed when He comes to wrap up this age. For we groan within ourselves not to be unclothed but to be further clothed in immortality. This is the invisible work of the "Kingdom of God at hand".