

Paul. Resurrection by degree.

"To the degree you are able to receive"

Paul said this to the Philippians that he presses on to lay hold of why Christ laid hold of him, that if I may by any means I may attain to the resurrection of the dead. Something end time seeker think is impossible. To attain resurrection before death. But that is what Paul strove for and so should we. As he said "to as many as are mature have this mind". Paul was showing us that by degree we grow. We put Christ on in this way, including the resurrection. To the degree that we believe "let it be according to your faith". And "to the degree" does not refer to a temperature like 80 or 90 degrees Fahrenheit but it still shows us that by increments, that as our faith grows and we apply new revelation to our conscience and our minds that this is our transformation and Transfiguration now. Paul said not that he has attained but he "reaches out to lay hold of why Christ laid hold of" him. Of which he said in the next chapter, that it was for equality to "let this mind be in you". And it's not just let it be in you but develop it by degree from one revelation to another, which is the unveiling, the pulling back of the curtain "for the eyes of your understanding to see" that we and all mankind were made in the beginning to show the likeness of God. And it is true the gospel that "by degree" that we are restored.

So when scripture says "work out your own salvation" it shows that salvation is not a once saved always saved and it is not the initial Act of God. Salvation is definitely not a down payment as you sit and wait for another coming of another Jesus at a Rapture for a future Resurrection. That my friend is the parasitic belief that Paul was to graduate from through various degrees to find himself to have the same mind as Christ, who thought it not robbery to be equal with God. And when God made Adam in the beginning with him, there was equality. This is why scripture says that "we are joint heirs with Christ". And also "in Him dwells the fullness of the Godead body, and you are complete in Him who is the head over all powers and principalities" already and need not come back to do so.

So it is by revelation of the word in the mind and then the trial by fire in our lives that "brings us forth as gold" testing the "hath God really said?" That we may be found of pure faith. This is what it means to be to a saint, and called to be holy. We are talking about putting on invisible attributes and not religiously Pious activity, behavior or attitude.

Now when Christ was coming back down from his Transfiguration the disciples asked "why then do the scribes say Elijah must come first? And Jesus Christ answered them "Elijah has come if you're able to receive it". And it is in this way that Christ showed that if they were able to believe in to see and understand, they would receive the promise that was spoken "to the degree ye are able". It is also said to "follow those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"? Yes. the invisible attributes that we talk about. Think of it like "the coat of many colors" of Joseph for that is what the coat portrayed.

You see Gods fulfilling of the promises are not dispensed by time as many think. They are not to be put on a calendar. Paul had to deal with that saying "you observe days, months, seasons and years. I am afraid that I have labored for you in vain. An in this way 2nd coming end time fascinations hold you "in vain". But with us, we see with the eye of our understanding and receive by faith, then trial by fire, and presto. You get the thing that was promised. Which is? Another aspect of the nature of God given to us. You get it, then you move on to the next attribute to be attained by degree. So "to the degree you are able" is proof that the gospel is progressive, and that Pauls messages map out for us his transfiguration for ours. This is our journey. And Paul's next obstacle" "If I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

"When Elijah comes" is because Elijah has come in John the Baptist. Then you can realize Elijah can come for you today. Elijah represents the spirit or teaching of Elijah, and a perspective of the messenger that takes you up by degree in the spirit of Elijah that in this way we can say to you "Paul must come first before the kingdom because you have to follow the spirit of His teachings to when Paul says "you are no longer strangers but fellow members and saints of the household of God. But Paul didn't always see that. He used to believe in a future kingdom but he learned it in one of his consecutive revelations. Eph 3.3 "by revelation he made known to me this mystery. "

Elijah is said to restore the sons to the father? That is what that spirit and teaching does. and has greater interpretation then generally understood. It is us, his offspring, being restored to God the Father. Is not that the whole purpose of the gospel? And the preaching of Paul "I plead with you therefore by the mercies of God that you be restored to the father" and with these words we say Amen.

So we put on Christ, we walk in the things that he is showing us and given us and we go up by degree, pictorially speaking of ascending to the throne, or going up to Jerusalem "by degree". And when Jesus Christ said "I and the father are one" He was showing for us that equality with the father as possible while we are incarnate, that Resurrection with him is possible while we are incarnate, that the Jewish belief of the future resurrection of the future time is at odds with those of us who are called to come up hither. So we do.

So if you are able to receive these words then let it be according to your faith but even if not I'm sure God will show you that too.

It was Paul who was to deliver a gospel that would walk out for us a transition from a parasitical Resurrection and future Kingdom mindset to being resurrected with Christ and accept our new national status of being "fellow citizens in the Kingdom and members of the house hold of God".

Like Isaiah said "with His dead body are dead bodies will rise". He bore our sins and "by his stripes we are healed" to What Adam Lost In the Garden of Eden. For those of us who believe? Some bear fruit, 10 fold some 20 and some 100-fold. It is in this way we grow by degrees and by increment to become more and more christ-like, more Godly more god-like.

The revelation of Jesus Christ is not at a one-time so-called Second Coming but by a continual bathing in the Revelation through the word for He was the one that became flesh so that we in the flesh would become word. And the Word was with God and the Word was God". We inherit all things in Christ. Everything that he has is ours including this mind that is equal with God. That is why Paul said "we go on to perfection, to a full stature and full measure of the son of God". And it is because Paul had to transition from a physical resurrection and mindset to the correct resurrection and mindset. And he had to do this by degree. That he had to lay hold and teach to us as he showed us through his Epistles, the transitions. And this is why the more current or recent writings of Paul are more powerful and more clear and less Pharisaic then his first writings and preaching.

So next we will talk about John the Apostle and show how his preaching is greater than any of Paul's because Paul was to speak of things yet to be revealed and he chose to go up by degree but John describes the full package. He talks about the overcomers and those who have overcome

the world by faith and need not a second coming Jesus. In John the transition is complete therefore he has a greater message.

It is here that we will conclude our messages of Paul and the resurrection

The kingdom of God is at hand