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XI A GLORIOUS CHURCH.

1 When first the Lord by the power of His Spirit set up The Church, it was the most glorious institution ever known on the earth. Indeed nothing like it was ever in Heaven.

2 In it was to be seen the glorious exhibition of the manifold wisdom of God. It was an exhibition of the power, glory, gifts, grace and miracle working acts of God.

3 Its people had become members, not by an act of man which supposedly entered them into the Church, but by a mighty act of God, by a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they had been translated out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

4 Men and women steeped in deep degrees of idolatry, were changed into supernatural worshippers of the true God. The transformation was so great, they were almost beside themselves with delight.

5 The kingdom of Satan was shaken as with a mighty earthquake. Consternation and wreck stared its ruler in the face. If this mighty moving of God continued, the world would soon have no place left for any dark power.

6 So wrapped up in God's love was the holy company of believers, that they were of one heart and of one soul. Selfishness was drowned in sweet accord and consideration for one another.

7 So bright and clear was the light of discernment, that there was no dark hiding place

for anything not pleasing to God. Ananias, Sapphira, Simon the sorcerer, Bar Jesus, and their ilk, were exposed and kept at bay. "Of the rest durst no man join himself to them."

8 If the believing Pharisees started a law crusade, there was an apostolic sentence from Heaven, from which there was no appeal. Divine government had full sway.

9 If there was preaching, the messenger had but to open his mouth, and there flowed a stream of the word of God, living and powerful, that penetrated the hearers to the very center of being, exposing their whole life in a panorama like view.

10 Were there knotty problems of wiley foes? there was a wisdom adequate to every need. Before it in Stephen they could not stand. Before it all the questions of Jewish law and tradition were so answered that they could say never a word.

11 If a man was to be found, the gift of knowledge told where he was and what was the state of his mind, as in the case of Saul and Ananias.

12 Sick in multitudes,—healed everyone.

13 Government, order, miracles, salvation in every form, flowed like a river.

14 The dumb tongue sings. The blind eye sees. The cripple leaps and shouts. The Satan bound are loosed. It is the jubilee year, the jubilee of jubilees.

15 And should not the jubilee of jubilees return once more to this benighted generation?

XII APOSTASY AND REFORMATION.

1 But something strange happened in The Church, now so full of glory.

2 A Baalim with his illicit doctrines and proposals arises, and havoc follows.

3 A love of power gets into the ministering class. Class distinction arises, and human rule of the natural man crowds Divine government till the gift wanes.

4 The preacher with study and learning, no longer speaks by the Lord, but by man's skill. The Spirit disappears.

5 Kings and the rich become her friends, till she says, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked."

6 She sells indulgences. She shuts the Bible. She educates the priesthood, but keeps the common people illiterate. She resorts to civil law and persecutes till "in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain on the earth."

7 Once clothed with Jesus Christ she shone with the light of the Sun of Righteousness. But now stripped and naked of her heavenly garments, she has but the light of the moon, a borrowed and reflected light, a shadowy reflection.

8 Her purity, holiness and righteousness of Christ has disappeared, and instead the rags of selfishness, pride, intolerance, and worldliness.

9 But now appears a light upon the horizon. Reformation begins. The power of God again springs up in the earth.

10 The fires of persecution burn fiercely. Martyrs multiply. Great is the commotion. Men tremble and shake under the mighty blasts of truth.

11 But soon the new movement wanes and drifts into doctrine and form.

12 Thus over and again has God moved upon chosen men to bring forth His light. Fires of reformation blaze up for a time, only to die down again.

13 Yea, many mighty men have I raised up whose works were great. But their works were not perfect, though they were mighty, and they shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in My kingdom. But of men's works did not the Lord say, "I have not found thy works perfect before ME."

14 In these last years I have poured out My Spirit much as at the beginning. Great was the power and manifestation. Around the world went the shock. Many the ingatherings. Glorious the results.

15 But alas! again My people have failed ME, and disaster and wreck is everywhere. Men who thirst for power to rule have gotten the prominence. They have bound My power. They have broken with My Spirit. They are teaching all sorts of doctrines and theories and sowing division and discord.

16 Instead of waiting for ME to move, they have taken charge of MY work and grieved My Spirit till Babylonish confusion and discord reigns.

XIII BABYLON.

1 At the tower of Babel confusion of languages was a Divine act which broke the children of men into national divisions. This prevented a concerted work of sin.

2 At the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, God took the first step toward restoration of unity of the race, by miraculous gifts of language. This took the restoration of unity out of the realm of natural man, and put it in the realm of supernatural act of God.

3 This shows and so also does the healing of the sick, preaching of the gospel, outpouring of the Spirit, work of the deacons, giving out of the decrees, and the whole work of The Church, that The Church is God's workshop, the ground-floor of His activity.

4 The Church builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit—"Ye are God's building. Ye are God's husbandry."

5 Its activities were the activities of God in great power. If one spoke, he spoke as the oracles of God—spoke the Word of God. If there was prayer, "praying in the Holy Spirit." If there was worship—"singing in the Spirit." They were filled with praise, "joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:4-13.

6 While the Holy Spirit was the originator, the motive power, the bringer forth of all activity, all was well. It was exceeding glorious.

7 But there came a change, almost imperceptible at first, but growing and increasing. The voice of man began to be heard in The Church.

The will and choice of man pushed aside the will of God. Human government displaced that beautiful Divine Government, that was so full of sweetness and love.

8 The earthly, sensual, devilish wisdom of man crowded out the tender Divine wisdom. While a growth came forth, a monster appeared. How the world has been defiled thereby!

9 With the growth of this master authority over kings, over men's consciences, over their bodies, all rights were usurped; and that which God made to bring freedom to enslave men, became the worst bondage of all.

10 Protests arose by men of prayer and devotion to God. But in a generation or two his followers lapsed into institutions whose base and foundation was doctrine, creed, and mind of man, until the world has become a Babylon of confusion and division.

11 So confusing and perplexing are these man's teachings, and so woven into the very construction of our minds, that it is with utmost difficulty that one escapes into clear untrammelled fellowship with God.

12 But there shall be some who shall say. "Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken and we are escaped."

13 But it is only by great perseverance and continual seeking that one may find the way back to that which God set up at the beginning and was called *The Church*.

14 Nevertheless God has set His hand to de-

liver and His purposes will be accomplished. Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

15 Therefore, thus saith the Lord, this great Babylon that has assumed to stand in the place of My Church, shall be utterly consumed, and My glorious Church shall arise in its place.

16 Rejoice, ye who love the Lord, and come into His order and will quickly, for the time is short.

17 For this call to arise and "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy City." "Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the band of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion," is unto thee O most glorious Church of God. Isa. 52:1, 2.

18 Yea, I say this call shall go to the ends of the earth.

XIV THE ESSENTIAL PREPARATION.

1 In order that The Church may operate properly, the gifts of the Spirit must be placed in the body and function fully and freely.

2 The Church in these latter days is to be a very important factor in the closing of the age.

3 In her must be found apostles and prophets, men who shall speak the word of God in authority and power.

4 In order that such servants of the Lord shall come forth, there must be a school of the prophets where they shall be trained in the practice of the work and power of the Holy Spirit.

5 Such a school is brought into Divine order

by The Church beginning to function in the Spirit in the power of the gifts.

6 My ancient servants who ruled the world with the word of God, were disciplined, schooled, chastened and trained by My wisdom, plan, and mighty hand upon them.

7 I am disciplining My servants today, and have a school in which they shall be trained.

8 The transformation that brings a man up out of the natural and makes him to be a spiritual vessel is a very great change, which can only be accomplished by the washing of water by the word, much prayer and diligent seeking ME.

9 I have found but few in any and all generations, who could abide the day of My coming upon them to complete the spiritual circumcision so essential.

10 Therefore ye who are the called of the Lord to this latter day ministry, be zealous and repent, that you may be prepared for My use in the mighty work that must soon be brought forth.

11 My most spiritual people are not deep enough, earnest enough. They do not feel the seriousness, the gravity of the present situation.

12 For all nature shall be convulsed. All men shall be dealt with, shall be shaken. A revolution from the God of Heaven is about to visit the whole world. For I have seen the work of the wicked, and the stench of abominations has come up into My nostrils.

13 Judgment is at hand. Prepare, ye righteous, for a rapture is at the door. Many graves shall open and bodies of many saints shall be

caught up, with the living who are ready to join Me in My glory.

14 But the wicked shall find early judgment graves. The earth shall groan with the weight of disaster.

15 Even as the torrent gains momentum in its downward plunge, so the present age rushes madly to its doom.

16 Therefore, O ye righteous children of God, betake you to prayer and most diligent seeking Me, that ye may be prepared for My will, and My movings shall soon come forth.

17 Let My word search your being, for it shall go down between the joints and the marrow of the bones. It shall enter every crevice of your being that you may be prepared for My work and the rapture.

18 I call now for men and women who are ready to present their bodies a living sacrifice, a whole burnt offering. Who will hear? Who will heed?

19 To the natural man the sacrifice may seem great. But to those who have eyes, it is escaping the present threatening judgment and gaining the eternal prize of the high calling.

20 Many are deceived, thinking they are zealous for Me because they are strong for certain doctrines with which they suppose I am pleased. But with such sacrifices I am not pleased. For they do gender strife and confusion.

21 The drinking in of My life, My wisdom, My perfection, My power, My grace, is that which pleaseth Me. To know Me: to be in Me: for Me to be in you, the old life to cease its con-

trol, and for Me to live in thee. This is My appointment.

22 This is the glory. This is the rapture. This is the preparation. This is the true state. This is the sacrifice with which I am well pleased.

23 Such attainment requires The Church to function, the gifts to operate, Divine order to come forth.

24 Therefore I am calling for those who will come fully out of the apostasy; into My spiritual supernatural Church. "He that hath ears, let him hear."

XV CHARACTER BUILDING, IN INDIVIDUALS, THE CHURCH AND NATIONS.

1 None but an Almighty and an All-wise God would attempt to change the character of a moral being, low fallen and defiled.

2 But this the Creator purposes to do till they shall shine with the glory and holiness of Christ like the stars of the firmament.

3 The obtaining cause of this salvation to the uttermost is the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. The active element is the power of God in the Holy Spirit. The place where it is done is God's earthly work shop The Church.

4 The methods used and the instruments are the fan, fuller's soap, refiner's fire, the scourge and the breath of the Spirit. These accompanied with afflictions, chastisements, temptations, and vicissitudes of life are operations which come in the individual experiences of God's children.

5 In The Church also is to be found the

working of the glory and power of God and the manifestations of the Spirit.

6 In God's dealings with nations, the prophetic word hewed them by the prophets.

7 In the past God permitted Himself to be restricted to individuals and revivals. Prophets have mostly disappeared.

8 God set in The Church apostles, prophets and teachers—Therefore we should look for these classes in The Church.

9 But since THE CHURCH is also disappeared, there is no place to look for such men. The Church must be restored that these men shall come forth.

10 For it is in The Church where the Spirit works that prophets are made and trained, for My prophetic school is operated in The Church.

11 Therefore, all ye praying people, pray that The Church come forth, and My order be set up.

12 Oh, the infinite condescension of the Mighty Jehovah! that He would stoop to pick up a defiled sinner, wash away his guilt and defilement. And then by infinite patience, sometimes for years, work with him to recreate his wrong character into godlike character and infuse the Divine nature.

13 When The Church is set up and begins to function, there comes into action the judgment work of the Spirit. This power and therewith the spoken word, and the manifestation of the Spirit, and the searching power of the convicting truth, dealing with men, thus the glory of Christ is unveiled.

14 While beholding the glory of the Lord and looking into the perfect law of liberty, the transforming glory shall change him into the image of Christ.

15 While these things may to a degree come to individuals, it is properly in The Church with Jesus in the midst, that the great work of God goes on.

XVI SLAYING SELF.

1 The end of the age is come. The closing days are at hand. It is the preparation for the last hour.

2 It is a time fraught with much danger, because men are full of self-confidence and sense of ability, while their ability is foolishness in the sight of God.

3 Yet there is a place of safety, hiding in ME. To hide in Me is the only safety.

4 To hide in Me is to hide from yourself and self-workings. This can only come by the working of the Spirit's power in you. Therefore your only safety is under My power.

5 The working of self in My baptized people is their greatest danger. It has almost ruined them. Beware! Beware!

6 So simple, so insinuating, so refined; they often deceive and appear to be from the Lord, when they are from self.

7 Unless you be willing to be faithfully dealt with by any whom the Lord may send, you will never be rid of this monster.

8 Now where is this monster from? How

may we discover him? Where are his hiding places? What shall we do with him?

9 The Lord has spoken already that He created man for a vessel to contain His presence and power, and to show forth His attributes, affections and Divine nature.

10 Therefore his only proper sphere is the manifestation of God in these particulars.

11 Living in self is living in the exercise of one's powers on the natural plane, which is a plane where God does never dwell nor operate.

12 It is having the motions of the being prompted and caused by human desires, appetites, emotions, and purposes. By the springs of natural life, instead of the springs of that heavenly life that is from God.

13 Crucifixion is the work of God wrenching from the nature of His children, the transforming process that stops this separating from God's activity, and brings one where the springs and motives of life are changed to proceed from the Spirit of God, instead of arising from the natural sources, so that the ever proceeding attitudes of life become the attitudes of Jesus Christ in us, instead of the attitudes of our natures.

14 This is not by a single act of God, but by a process, or procession of acts, continuing till the change is complete.

15 The means used by the Lord are various and changing according to the state and needs of His children.

16 The first object in the purposes of God is to bring the child He is dealing with into a state

of diligent prayer and earnest seeking Him.

17 To accomplish this He may turn loose upon the soul a flood of temptations, persecutions, afflictions or distresses that will cause to flee to Jesus for aid and shelter; and will wring from the heart, deep, earnest reaching after God. This may continue till lethargy, ease and sloth be forever driven from the life and it becomes a flame of desire for God.

18 Cherished plans and hopes may be blasted over and again till human ambitions and exaltations lie slain at the Master's feet.

19 Cherished friends may seem untrue till one be driven to confide in Jesus as THE FRIEND.

20 The dearest treasure of the heart may be wrested from the grasp. A child, a bosom friend, a companion is snatched by death or otherwise. Failing health, business disaster, wrecked profession, or any other means God uses to chasten and scourge, that the attitudes of the flesh may be destroyed.

21 None may become the chosen instrument of God except they take the course He gives. If a burst of the breath of God blow upon the flesh and it wither: be glad to be made spiritual thereby.

22 To him that overcometh are there given privileges in The Church and in the kingdom.

23 In no place and under no occasions do these essential processes progress so rapidly and successfully, as in The Church which has become a prophetic school.

24 To discern and understand these works of the Lord is the highest wisdom and discernment.

25 For he who has no wisdom to see the path

and plan of God in His own life, and he who has not discernment of his own condition, is ill fitted to teach others and tell their condition.

26 Strive to enter in by the straight gate, for many shall seek to enter, but shall be unable.

XVII RISING UP INTO THE GLORY.

1 There are planes, realms, states or heights of attainment in the things of God, or the things which are spiritual.

2 The highest attainments are held out as privileges for The Church. They are seated in the heavenlies with Christ.

3 Stephen saw the heavens opened and Jesus at the right hand. John saw the glorified Christ in dazzling beauty. Then the heavens were opened to him. An angel led Peter out of Prison. Paul was caught up to the third heaven.

4 In Hebrews 12 we learn that we are come to Mount Zion, the city of God, to angels, perfected men, Jesus the Judge and to God.

5 This means that we are now privileged to come in sight of and enter into relationship with the Heavenly world and its dwellers—now, while we are still in the earth state.

6 The earth has not yet been restored to its proper place in the universe, but to The Church is that privilege already given.

7 Rise up! Awake ye! that are come out of the apostasy and have been so long captives in Babylon! For ye are returned to Mount Zion.

8 Shake off the dust of centuries. Be done with musty notions, and forms, the isms of the past. Come up on the high plateau of the heaven-

lies, and let the heavenly breezes blow the death odors out of your attire.

9 Wear no longer the garments spotted by the flesh. Attire thyself as a child of Heaven. For lo, thy King cometh. Yea, He cometh in dazzling glory. Therefore if thou wouldest meet HIM, put on thy glory garments.

10 Forget thy father's house of the earth earthy, and thy Babylonish mother. Play the harlot no longer. Return to ME, saith the Lord. For I have sought thee out.

11 Perfume thyself with rare odors of the merchant. Then shalt thou be acceptable to Me thy Lord.

12 Thou shalt be clothed with fine twined linen, purple, scarlet, and gold.

13 Thou shalt be most glorious without and within.

14 Yea, though one should search the world over, in palace most grand, none could be found to compare with thee, for thou art the Bride of the KING OF KINGS.

15 If thou knowest the language of Heaven and dost understand this parable and prepare thyself, thou mightest be a living stone in My great House. But if thou be gross and earthy, though great things come near thee, thou shalt not partake.

16 I shall breathe on thee, and My breath shall wither thy flesh. I shall wash thee with the water of My Word.

17 I shall apply the fuller's soap till thou be unshrinkable, unwrinkled, smooth and even and whiter than snow.

18 I shall refine thee as gold and silver till thy dross be taken away and thou be pliable, transparent, and yielding.

19 Then shalt thou be anointed with the holy anointing oil, and perfumed with all the principal spices. All glorious within, thy raiment of wrought needle work.

XVIII MY LATTER DAY CHURCH.

1 My Latter Day Church is to be in the power of my former day Church, and pass on into greater excellencies.

2 There be those who proclaim that My Church is no more and will not be restored, even as there are those who proclaim that My ancient people are by Me forgotten. But I did not send them, nor put My word in their mouths, nor move them to speak.

3 For My Church shall be restored and mount up into the heavenlies above attainment in the past.

4 Not in number, for there shall be a remnant in these last days, who shall go with ME My ways and overcome all. But the masses of My children are too busy to hear My voice.

5 The glory of the former house was very marvellous. So great was the power that it was sweeping everything before it.

6 But the glory waned and passed. But My Latter Day Church shall not pass nor cease. But the kingdom of darkness shall pass away. It shall cease. Its power shall be destroyed utterly.

7 I am laying My hand upon My chosen ones who are scattered among the peoples of the earth.

I am calling them out to follow Me—to be entirely Mine.

8 Therefore I say to My children who are of a mind to know My full will, be earnest to be in My Spirit at all times, that I may teach you and lead you continually, from glory to glory.

9 For I cannot bring you into all My will except by the power of MY Spirit working in you continually. You must live in the power and give way to its working and operation fully.

XIX TRANSFORMATION.

1 The steps or attitudes, or acts that you must maintain that you may grow up into Christ in all your nature are these:

2 Those inner faculties and powers of being and consciousness are in almost continuous activity or motion, until interrupted by the incoming power of the Spirit. This motion is on the plane of nature.

3 The transposition or translation of this inner being or state of existence from natural to spiritual is one of the great miracles of the power of God. The how of this change is a great mystery that can only be known by Divine revelation.

4 It is so mysterious that God has ransacked earth and nature to find parable and illustration to convey its knowledge to man.

5 And man has poured over his Bible and its commands, yet this invaluable pearl, of a glorified life, while in the flesh, has been found by the few, and many after a lifetime of search, at-

tained to but small portions. But there is a Benjamin's portion.

6 Therefore let not him that essays to enter this battle and race, boast himself as one who has attained, but the rather gird himself in fear and trembling, for the fight of faith.

7 This transposition then, is a change from natural to spiritual, from earthy to heavenly, from the activity of our own Adamic life, to the activity of Christ by the Holy Spirit in us. It is literally and truly the activity of the Christ life in us.

8 All the life, energy, activity and presence of Christ in this world is by and from the Holy Spirit.

9 It is therefore begun in one by the reception of the gift of the Holy Spirit. So the incoming of the Holy Spirit is preceded by abandonment of self to God's working.

10 This working of the Spirit is engaged in a process upon the flesh, the heart, the mind and the spirit, limbering the flesh, loosening from earth attachments, and breaking up independent action of the nature.

11 This work is limited, or more extensive, according to the power and depth of the meeting and workers through whom the work is conducted, and the state and nature of the seeker.

12 This first work of the Spirit upon us is a crushing blow to the old man, but must be followed by daily cross bearing and crucifixion.

13 This glorified life, seated with Christ in the heavenlies, is attained just in proportion as the springs and activities of nature, the natural

life, cease, and the activities of the Christ life take their place.

14 Activities of nature are to be found in the motions of the will, emotions, affections, desires, passions, instincts, reason, mind, heart, and senses.

15 These abilities acting in harmony with one another and upon one another produce the continuous chain of life consciousness.

16 The glorified life takes the place of this life of nature, in proportion as these several abilities are stopped in their independent activity and brought into a state where the activity or movement is no longer the activity of the natural man, but, "It is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure."

17 When this state is fully attained, one may say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." This is seated with Christ in the heavenlies.

18 Toward this heavenly goal one may progress rapidly or slowly. One may rise into the heavenlies, into the higher realms of the Spirit occasionally. The anointing may come upon one at times. But there is an anointing that abideth. There is a being seated in the heavenlies to dwell.

XX METHOD OF ATTAINMENT.

1 The first step essential to spiritual growth is conviction of discovery, that such a privilege is mine. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

2 Purpose. I will attain. I will not be denied. I am determined. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

3 A wholesale breaking with all else. "Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee." Sell all to buy the pearl.

4 Intense desire.

"As pants the heart for cooling streams,

So pants my soul, O Lord, for Thee."

"We will run after Thee."

5 The Divine aid at all these points is mighty and gracious.—Privilege, ability, purpose, desire—He aids in them all.

6 By invitation, by revelation, by infusion, by circumcision, by attraction, by providences, God constantly woos and impels.

XXI MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

1 A member of a human body is a part of that body having a certain office to perform.

2 This is used by the Lord as a type of the body of Christ.

3 "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

4 The unison of a many membered man's body lies in the fact that there is but one spirit, one will, one mind, one being in that body; and all the members are subject to the one head of that body.

5 So also is Christ, for He is composed of

a many membered body, each member of which body is a human being.

6 Each one of these many members, these individuals, has become a member, a part of His body, by being baptized thereinto, by drinking in of the one Holy Spirit.

7 The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, of God. When He comes in He brings in Christ, the God nature, revealing Him within us. This is the Mystery Christ in you.

8 Without body or form physical, but being pure Spirit, the Holy Spirit is the life, nature, power, essence, affection, mind, will, fire—the All of Christ.

9 To be baptized in Holy Spirit is to have these and all the parts and abilities of the Christ nature in some degree begin to be imparted to and imbued into our nature.

10 Oh! the infinite condensation of the mighty God, to stoop down so far as to thus enshrine Himself in poor man.

11 Oh! the wretched failure and misrepresentation that appears when man thus taken up into God, again drops down to live on the plane of the flesh.

12 If we have been thus brought to such a high state as life in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

13 So as literally and actually as the members of a man's soul, spirit and body are under the control of his mind and will, the members of Christ's body are under the control of Christ the Head, or else it is a dismembered and out of order body.

14 Because of the existing state of confusion and disorder of the body of Christ, the great work and works of Christ that should be done in and through the Church are wanting, and it is impossible to rise into the realms of spiritual power belonging to the Church.

XXII MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR.

1 The Body of Christ is a many membered Divinely constructed being, likened unto the human body.

2 Its final state in glorified perfection is beyond the power of natural comprehension—one of God's glorious creations.

3 But it has a part and a function in this world, in the earthly state, which is also very glorious.

4 But it is so contrary to the whole of man's natural activity that it is not easy to be brought into being; but it is possible with God and with those who believe.

5 In order to understand its functions, some understanding of its members, their offices and manner of operation, correlation and relation must be had.

6 Action in a living body originates in the will and consciousness. The body of Christ is a composite living being, having two kinds of life.

7 First the life of nature in each individual member. This life is not destroyed by the works of grace proceeding from the second, which is the life of Christ. It is purified, crucified and glorified and united to Christ, becoming the channel through which the Christ life flows and operates.

8 Therefore action in the body of Christ and in the members thereof comes from the Head of that body which is Christ Himself. "It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

9 In the human mechanism there is a substance which carries the thought purpose from the will and mind to each member. This is called magnetism, psychological impulse, life fluid.

10 In the Body of Christ there is a power that conveys the purpose, plan and will of Christ to members of His body. This power is the energy of the Holy Spirit, the life current of Christ.

11 Now when an impulse arises in man, it is so conveyed to each member of his body concerned that there is coordinate action on the part of every member that should participate.

12 So also in Christ, the Spirit divides to each member severally as He will. God hath so tempered the body together that there should be no schism in the body.

13 In the human body impulses pass through one member to another—down the spinal column to one ganglionic center and another. And from these centers the order goes through shoulder to arm, through arm to hand, and fingers.

14 So it is in the Body of Christ. Through apostle or prophet or pastor, or other ruling member, the word of command from Christ may be passed along. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves." "Yea, all of you, be subject one to another." Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5.

15 Where Divine love rules in every heart and selfishness departs, it becomes a pleasure to obey one another.

16 This has no application to the government of man-made institutions, where man governs by the will of man, and government of God is displaced; but applies to the holy Church of Christ, which is His Body, which is ruled by Jesus Christ through the Spirit, through its members.

17 The energy in the Spirit in which orders of government come forth is the word of God spoken or revealed.

XXIII ORDER AND METHOD OF ESTABLISHING THE CHURCH.

1 Life begins at two centers. First the center of pulsation, and then the center of consciousness.

2 Examine the growth of an embryo chick. In its first stages will be found pulsations starting from a center where the heart forms. Next the head, seat of consciousness develops.

3 The beginning of that which God produces is not at the extremities but at the vitals.

4 The first start in the creation of the Church was the bringing forth of the life and the Head, Jesus the Christ.

5 Briefly the steps in this preparation were the laying of the great plan in the mind of God.

6 Next was the birth and preparation of Jesus previous to His ministry.

7 Jesus' public ministry, demonstrating the miracle working power of God, teaching the

works and ways of God, then discovering to men the kingdom of God.

8 The passion of Jesus, wherein intercession and travail utterly prevailed over all opposition.

9 He proved Himself harmless before the judgments of men.

10 He endured the cross, making the great expiatory sacrifice.

11 He burst the bands of death.

12 He ascended up on high, leading captivity captive, becoming the author of eternal salvation, and earned the right to all power and dominion.

13 He is Head over all. Thus did God make first of all the great Head of the Church.

14 Oh! the infinite humility of the Son of God. He in His personal manifestation withdrew from the scenes of earth, and devotes Himself to intercession.

15 Therefore to conduct His work on earth He sent the Holy Ghost Who actively carries on the work.

16 Since the man Christ Jesus is not here, He made preparation for the oversight of His work by choosing men whom He trained while in His earthly ministry, so that when they were endued with the Holy Spirit they could take the oversight of the work.

17 Wherefore inspiration says, "He set some in the Church, first apostles."

18 The equipment of these men was extraordinary. First of all, they were saved men. Not merely were they saved from their past sinful lives. They were saved, healed, and sanctified through the Spirit.

19 They had been dealt with by the Lord according to Matt. 8:17; Isa. 40:3-10; Lu. 3:4-6; 1:74. Infirmities, weaknesses, wrong bents of character were healed by the Lord. Selfishness disappeared forever. They were new creatures in Christ Jesus.

20 Upon this new creation came the baptism of the Holy Spirit; such an effusion of the Spirit that they were absolutely a new order of men on earth.

21 They were men that could be trusted with power and authority, for no selfish motive could move them.

22 They were not self-appointed or man-sent, but Jesus said, "I have ordained you." "Have not I chosen you?"

23 They did not assume place, position or preferment; but they were endowed with the gift of dominion so that the word of the Lord in their mouths was powerful. Judgment fell on transgressors. The dead came to life. All manner of sickness fled away. Their sentence was law in The Church standing to this day.

24 Nor was this order of apostles confined to the twelve. It was a permanent order in The Church, essential to its structure always; set in by God Himself, and never set out by Him.

25 It is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Though Jesus Christ is the Chief Stone, yet Peter is a little stone in the foundation.

26 True Jesus Christ and the first apostles and prophets passed away long ago, but that holy

temple is still in process of being fitly framed together.

27 The sum of all this is that the Divine order of The True Church of Jesus Christ is first apostles. Not men of assumption and officialism, but lowly men, holy men, called, ordained and equipped by Jesus Christ.

28 Men who have the vision, the understanding, the dauntless courage and mighty faith to face every emergency and every enemy in the glory and power of God. Who know no defeat. Who do not look at the obstacles, but who see a reigning Christ putting all enemies under His feet.

XXIV CALL TO PRAYER

I, your Lord, say to you who have seen a vision of the Church rising up again, I say to you, pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will once more raise up apostles and prophets as of old. Men of renown who know what ought to be done.

Behold, I your Lord will move upon you in prayer, as you pray, and I will answer.

I will send. I will equip. I will work. I will bring forth.

My prophets and apostles shall go forth and gather My people out of Babylon and out of confusion unto My safe shelter and My fold.

Amen! I the Amen say it. I will perform it. Hear ye. Heed ye. Pray ye. Believe ye.

It shall come to pass before your eyes.

I will rebuke the gainsayer.

I will bring down the high.

I will remove those who have exalted themselves to rule over My people by the power of man.

I will sound out My call to gather all My people from the haunts of those who have held them in captivity.

I the Lord will do it by My right hand.

Sound the proclamation.

Blow the trumpet.

Let My people hear, for it is the voice of the Lord.

Say, Come to Me. Leave your idols.

Forsake the ways of man.

Return to My ways saith the Lord your God.