



HEAVEN IN SPAIN

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Church and the Kingdom

Session one – Introduction and revelation



Church and the kingdom program

1. Introduction and Overview
2. The place of revelation
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Jesus

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- **Matthew 16:15-19**
- ¹⁵He said to them, **"But who do you say that I am?"**
- ¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**
- ¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, **"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**



Key aspects of this passage

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- Revelation (of Christ)
- The church
- Building the church
- The purpose of the church
- The kingdom of heaven
- Keys to the kingdom
- Binding and loosing

- These are the topics of this course



Jesus on the Church and the Kingdom (gospels)

- Church (3 times)
- Kingdom (122 times)
- The kingdom was Jesus's number one topic

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Revelation - What is it?

- "reveal" is Greek "apokaluptoô " which means "to take *off the cover*" (Strong's)
- We see or realise something that has always been there, but was previously covered to us
- A revelation of Jesus and who we are in Him is the basis of building the church
- If we build on something that isn't revelation then it will not have eternal value

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Revelation prepares us to participate in building the church

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- **Matthew 16:18**
- **¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**
- “Peter” means “a piece of rock”
- “Rock” means “a mass of rock”
- Revelation turns us from a pebble into a boulder!



The need for revelation

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- Revelation is the foundation of every kingdom venture
- Personal, church or business
- Not every venture conducted by Christians is a kingdom venture
- Operating ethically and being generous with giving does not necessarily make your venture a kingdom one
- If revelation is not the foundation, then it is not a kingdom venture



Revelation brings faith

- **Romans 10:17**
- *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*
 - "word" is Greek "rhema" = spoken word
 - Not "logos" = written word
- Faith for our specific endeavours needs specific words
- Words to our spirit and words from God to others for us

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We then build on the foundation of faith

- **2 Peter 1:5-7**
- But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love

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Doing these things guarantees kingdom outcomes

- **2 Peter 1:8, 10-11**
- **8**For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **10**Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;
- **11**for **so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Reflection

- Think about your life's major pursuits (ministry, church, job, study...) and think about
- **1.** What you are currently doing that was birthed from personal revelation?
- **2.** What you are currently doing that has no basis in personal revelation?
- This does not mean that we now abandon what was not birthed from revelation (1 Cor 7:24 "Brethren, let each one remain with God in that *state* in which he was called.)
- Remain or transition?

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Foundations: Take care about what you build on

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- **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

- ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.



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- **David Yonggi Cho**
- **What did you learn about faith, revelation and prayer as the basis for any spiritual enterprise?**



Five arenas of revelation (that build the kingdom)

• Ephesians 1 : 16-19

- ¹⁶do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in
 - (1) the knowledge of Him,
 - (2) ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;
 - (3) that you may know what is the hope of His calling
 - (4) what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and
 - (5) what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe

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1. Revelation of the knowledge of Jesus

What has been revealed to us about Jesus?

- Reflect on your major spiritual experiences
- Reflect also on your continual spiritual experiences
- What do they tell you about Him?
- How is this being outworked in your life to build the church?

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Revelation of Him, His power, sufferings, death

- **Philippians 3:8-10**
- ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
- ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;
- ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death

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2. Revelation through enlightened understanding

- **Ephesians 4:23**
- ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- This enables us to see with the Father's eyes. We view events and situations from a heavenly perspective
- With a heavenly perspective, we do not react to circumstances, positive or negative, rather we see what the Lord is doing in them

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Reflection

- Reflect on your reactions in the last period of difficulty in your life
- What does your reactions tell you about your perspectives?
- Did your perspectives change through the course of the difficulty?
- What can you learn about having your understanding enlightened from the process?

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3. Revelation of the hope of His calling

- **Philippians 3:12**
 - ¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
- **Ephesians 2:10**
 - ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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We are:

1. called
2. anointed
3. appointed

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- **Exodus 31:2-6**

- ²“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.
- ³And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of workmanship*, ⁴to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, ⁵in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of workmanship*.
- ⁶“And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you



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- Calling is the “what”
- Anointing is the “How”
- Appointing is the “Where/Who”



Reflection

What revelation do we have about our calling, appointing and anointing?

- What has the Lord spoken to us about the what, where, who and how?
- What do our prophetic words say about the what, how, who and where?
- What are we passionate about?
- What gifts do we have?
- Write out as much as know under the headings of calling, anointing (gifts) and appointing

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4. Revelation of the riches of the glory of His inheritance

• Colossians 1:12-13

- ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

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The Holy Spirit is a down payment for our full inheritance

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- **Ephesians 1:13-14**

- ¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,¹⁴who is the guarantee (down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.
- We can understand our current inheritance by understanding the operations of the Spirit



Reflection

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What do you understand about your inheritance?

What do the operations of the Spirit tell you about what is still available to you?



5. The exceeding greatness of His power

- **Ephesians 3:20**
- ²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

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Five arenas of experience of God's power

- **Hebrews 6:4-5**
- (1) those who were once enlightened, and
- (2) have tasted the heavenly gift, and
- (3) have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and
- (4) have tasted the good word of God and
- (5) the powers of the age to come

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Our revelation drives how we build the church

- What type of revelation do you consistently receive?
- What have been your major spiritual experiences?
- How do/ should these be driving your involvement with a church?
- Revelation drives our calling, gifting, anointings, appointments and our faith

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Positioning ourselves for revelation

1. **Ask** - *Luke 11:13* "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
2. **Engage spiritually** - *Acts 13:2* "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said....."
3. **Quieten our soul** - *Psalms 46: 10* "Be still, and know that I am God"
4. **Obedience** - *Acts 5:32* "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."
5. **Receive impartations** - *Deuteronomy 34:9* "Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him"
6. **Revelatory teachers** - *1 Corinthians 14: 6* "what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?"

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