The Church in this generation is facing an identity crisis. This crisis is a result of the layers of religious ideas which have beclouded the truth. Many saints have repeatedly been taught though saved, they are actually sinners still struggling to be accepted by their heavenly Father. In sermons, teachings and songs, this anomaly is fostered ceaselessly so much that the mind of the average Christian is wired to believe the lie. As the mind is the engine of thought and life, people live out what they believe.

Consequently, many saints walk in defeat as they are confronted by Satan, Sin, the World and emotions of their fleshly natures. The situation is further compounded by the strange concept that the Church is an organization they belong to or a building they go into for a certain period of time to 'worship'. By fostering this lie, that saints are members of organizations, they are further programmed away from the reality that they are members of Yeshua and He alone! They lose sight of the reality that they are His very Body in the earth realm, organically linked to their Head which is Himself as well as to each other.

Colossians 2:6-10 (KJV) 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

By distorting the real identity of saints, religion has done a great dis-service to the awesome sacrifice Yeshua effected for all saints on the Cross. Satan loves to distort or obscure truth and is excited when he can recruit religious leaders to disseminate the lie that suggests Calvary was a no show. This recruitment of religious leaders to distort identity of saints has been going on for nearly two thousand years. In the process, Satan has tried various approaches right from the first century.

In Acts 15, he stirred the hearts of Judaizers to forget the New Covenant and rather seek to make Jews out of Gentile converts. The main issue at work was obviously an inability to understand in full measure what it meant for an individual to receive Yeshua. At the first Jerusalem Council presided over by James the half-brother of Yeshua, heaven intervened and the identity of saints as the new creation of Yahweh was reaffirmed.

From the interim assessment of the Church in the first century after Pentecost by Yeshua, Jesus via His letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor in Revelation chapters 1 to 3, it is obvious saints were already buffeted by various doctrines which affected understanding of their true identity as His saints in the earth realm. In each generation thereafter until now, this tendency has been orchestrated by Satan to blunt the cutting edge of saints operating in understanding of their true identities as citizens and Ambassadors of the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm.

Holy Spirit witnesses in our hearts that all remaining vestiges of religiosity which effectively hinder the redeemed from enjoying the glorious liberty of son ship in Yeshua need to be exposed and rooted out. The divine instrument of undertaking this important task is the ministry of the Word. In Ephesians 5:26-27, The King is shown to release His word in an awesome measure to wash His Body on earth clean of spots of sins, wrinkles of tradition and religious dogma and other such things such as the spirit of division fostered by denominationalism which keeps saints in the spiritual equivalent of an unending civil war.

Significance of the revelations granted to and through Paul

It is clear, from a deep study of the scriptures that the gospels concentrated on presentation of the person of Yeshua, Jesus, His teachings and supernatural ministry. He essentially came to proclaim the coming Kingdom, call forth as many as would respond to the mercy of Yahweh in Him and pay the supreme price for atonement of the sins of humanity and recovery of the Kingdom mantle Adam and Eve lost to Satan. After His resurrection, Yeshua Jesus spent about 40 days expounding the concept and nature of the Kingdom

Acts 1:3 (KJV) 1 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The Apostles were so filled with expectation of the Kingdom that when He was to ascend on high, they were rightly concerned whether He was about to inaugurate it at last.

Acts 1:6-7 (KJV) 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

The King had to remind them the time of manifestation of the Kingdom was in the hands of the Father alone and there was an interregnum during which they were required to be His witnesses as people in the world but not of the world (Acts 1:7, 8; John 17:1-20; Luke 19:11-27). Perhaps because of their cultural mindset as Hebrews (Jews), the disciples did not fully apprehend the hidden message of Yeshua that between His ascension and physical return, there would be an interregnum now called by theologians as the Church Age whose duration no man could predict.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

When the original Apostles and early Church was slow to get on with the assignment of taking the gospel from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth, Elohim allowed persecution to scatter them. While running for his life, Phillip who was only fit to serve tables in the top heavy Jerusalem Church became the instrument for taking

the gospel to Samaria and through the Ethiopian Eunuch, uttermost parts of the earth! Heaven was not done with shaking up the Alpha Church.

In Acts chapter 9, Yeshua had to specially arrest a vessel with the capacity to understand the mysteries of the Old Covenant and who would, on conversion, be so sold out to know all the New Covenant offered humanity. He therefore apprehended Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus to use him as a vessel of bringing forth the revelation of the Church; a revelation which was hidden through the ages. That revelation of the Church as spiritual Body of Yeshua in the earth realm and agency for manifesting and declaring the Kingdom to come also proclaims it as the divine instrument through which the middle wall of partition which separated Jews and Gentiles into mutually opposing people groups is broken down by the creation of a new race of saints: Sons of Elohim who would re-populate the earth realm and

through whom Holy Spirit would manifest their Head, Yeshua (Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 3:1-21).

To understand the Church therefore is to understand the mystery of the ages. It is to understand the power of the gospel to save and regenerate mankind, irrespective of race, gender or ethnicity into the Body of Yeshua which, at the consummation of the age, becomes the Bride. He will come to unite with His bride to be all in all when the kingdoms of this world are handed over to Him who is the designated King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Revelation 11:15).

To this vessel, Paul, Yeshua downloaded:

1. The Master plan of the Church (1 Corinthians 3:10-15) **2.** Full understanding of the worth of the individual saint

redeemed by the Blood.

The King would like us to recourse to the Pauline Epistles for a clear understanding of what was accomplished at Calvary and how the New Covenant and New Creation radically present a new paradigm concerning those redeemed by the precious blood shed by Yeshua. This paradigm is one where the human being, redeemed by the Blood becomes the first level Church of Holy Spirit as 1 Corinthians 6:19 says and the redeemed become not members of a physical institution or religious order of mankind, but the very Body of Yeshua, Jesus Himself in the earth realm as 1 Corinthians 6:15 and Ephesians 5:22-33 indicate.

GSoM Course 104: *The 13 Fundamental Glorious Truths* is an experiential manual. As you study diligently, there is need to check up with the Word if you manifest what Yahweh ordained you to be and have. For those who lead and teach saints, two paradigms present themselves for adoption and the Lord respects the will of His people:

i. An approach where leaders truly understand what the New Creation means which propels a pattern of teaching them who they are in Yeshua based on what He accomplished for them and on their behalf at the Cross. Where this paradigm is faithfully implemented, saints know the Truth which sets them free. They know Yahweh as Father; Yeshua as Sovereign King and Holy Spirit as present help to guide them into all truth and perfect their walk. They also appreciate their leaders as instruments of empowerment and accountability.

or

ii. An approach of teaching various religious dogma which did not fully understand the New Creation. Such dogma is passed down the ages through some men of old whose understanding of Yeshua and His earthly assignment was impaired by their personal limitations or depth of light they received from the Word. This second option leads to bondage of the saints and their stunted growth as members of ‘church’ who need the Pastor as intermediary with an ‘unknown, distant God’.

Reformation is not an option! It starts with proper identity of saints!

If Reformation of the Church which will precede the return of King Yeshua, Jesus must take place, the basic starting point is to ensure saints understand what happened when they gave

their lives to Him and the inheritance that is theirs from the cataclysmic events on that place of the Skull, even on Golgotha, when the very Son of the Father, Emmanuel – Elohim Who was made flesh hung on the Old Rugged Cross. We need to know what He meant when He uttered the 3- word Bill of Rights in John 19:30: "IT IS FINISHED". 'It is finished' opened the pathway for a number of realities to manifest in the earth realm:

1. The birth of new creatures in the earth realm who are free of the spiritual DNA of Adam as their patrimony is now rooted in Yeshua, Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2. In effect, the desire of the Father in all the ages for His sons to be in the earth realm again was effected by the sacrifice of the Ultimate Son, Yeshua just as He prophesied in John 12:24.

Hebrews 2:9-14 (KJV) 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

3. It paved way for translation of people hitherto under dominion of Satan who became 'god' of this world after taking away the mantle of Adam to be conveyed into the Kingdom of Elohim and become His citizens who judicially are outside the loop of Satan.

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

If saints are taught the truth and empowered to live it out, they will walk in the glorious liberty of son-ship, growing in grace into the fullness of the stature of Yeshua and in no way co-dependent on their Pastors and leaders.

Time to make the main thing the main thing again: Primary investment in immortal spirits and souls!

Over 1700 years of intrusion of Christian religion has diverted the attention of leaders in the Household of Faith to be concerned with a multitude of priorities. These include:

Attendance (gathering of crowds of co-dependent believers); Building programs; Cash (quantum of tithes and offerings; appointing people into 'lucrative' committees and leadership positions without any developmental process or training and settling disputes).

While these things are not necessarily bad, their fatal flaw is when they displace investment in the eternal spirit and immortal souls of those appointed to Salvation The Lord wants all those He has called to leadership in His Kingdom to re-calibrate and make the main thing the main thing: Feed the Flock with meals appropriate for their developmental process so that they can grow properly into the fullness of the stature of Yeshua!

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV) 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Leaders must hear and process this Truth: The saints are our main business! Yet, we are not called to lead all saints!

Those that are assigned to us are to be served with great zeal and humility, as unto the King! If, this is so, then there is real need that those appointed to Salvation must be diligently sought, located and brought into the fold in the first place. This makes us true co-labourers with Yeshua in fulfilling His Mission Statement.

Luke 19:10 (KJV) 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

When they come in, we must diligently give Holy Spirit right of way to use our vessels to process their inner man to become all the heavenly Father intended. When they are healthy in spirit and soul, seeking first the Kingdom and its righteousness, all other things needed for their holistic well beings would be released at the appointed time! If the right quality and quantum of spiritual meals is served to them, in due season, they will experience an inside out transformation of their heart; renewal of their mind and attitudes which make them walk as victorious saints who draw down by Faith the fullness of Grace released without measure by their heavenly Father.

Our liberty in Yeshua, Jesus is an assured one.

John 8:32, 36 (KJV) 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Our liberty is enhanced when we gain deeper understanding of Truth. The Truth we know and receive in the heart will enable us to grow in Grace, from glory to glory!

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV) 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Assignment

(1). Please share 3 main things you take away from this introductory chapter. (2). What are your expectations from this Course?