我們的標竿與道路 OUR MARK AND WAY

我們常常問沒有信主的人一個問題一「人生的意義是什麽?」; 我們也會問已經信了主的人一個問題一「基督读的意義是什麽?」。 题一「基督读的意義是什麽?」。 認識人生的意義是什麽?」; 懂得基督读的意義,我們才信了主; 懂得基督读的意義,我們才知道專 面對一個更嚴肅關乎神永遠告意的問題一「我們的標竿與道路是什麽?」真實的看見標竿,才能得著奔跑道路的力量;真實的認識道路,才能達到標竿。

一、什麽是異象與標竿

(一) **奥秘與啟示**-神心中隱藏永 遠的旨意藉聖靈向我們開啟

「神的奧秘就是基督」(西2:2)

「用啓示使我知道福音的奧祕、正如我以前寫過的。你們念了、就能曉得我深知基督的奧祕。這奧祕在以前的世代、沒有叫人知道、像如今藉著聖靈啓示他的聖使徒和先知一樣。這奧祕就是外邦人在基督耶穌裏、藉著福音、得以同為後嗣、同為一體、同蒙應許。」

(弗3:3-6)

保羅在以弗所書說到,「歷代以來 隱藏在創造萬物之神裏的奧祕」,這個 奧祕關乎神永遠的計劃與旨意,神是按 著這個計劃與旨意行作萬事。這個奧祕 原本是隱藏的,在以前的世代、沒有叫 人知道,一直如同被幕幔所遮掩著。

如今到了聖靈的時代,「神樂意將 祂兒子啟示在我心裏」(加1:16),藉 A common question we often ask our friends is: "What is the meaning of life?" We also like to ask Christians: "what is the meaning of being a Christian?" We ask these questions because only after we truly grasp the meaning of our life, can we believe in the Lord; and only after understanding the meaning of being a Christian, can we realize the reason why God saved us. A very serious subject all Christians have to deal with is - what are our mark and the way to the mark? Because only when we truly see the mark. can we have the strength to run toward it; only when we know the way, can we reach our mark.

I. What Are "Vision" and "Mark"

A. Mystery and Revelation - Through the Holy Spirit, God reveals to us His eternal purpose which was hidden.

"...that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to his Holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Eph. 3:3-6

Paul mentioned in the book of Ephesians "the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God". That mystery is concerning God's eternal plan and purpose, and according to which God works. That mystery used to be hidden for ages that no one knew as if covered by layers of veil.

Fortunately, we have entered into the era of Holy Spirit, through which "God ... was pleased to reveal His Son..." (Gal 1:15-16). Therefore, the veil has been lifted to bring to light the mystery which for

(二)異**象與標竿**-所看見的異象 產生託負與使命成為我們奔 跑的標竿

「弟兄們、我不是以為自己已經得著了。我只有一件事、就是忘記背後努力面前的、向著標竿直跑、要得著神在基督耶穌裏從上面召我來得的獎賞。」

(腓3:13-14)

當聖靈將神永遠的旨意向我們開 啟,我們所看見得著的就是異象。這異 象會吸引我們,並且控制我們一切的生 活、言行與事奉。保羅在大馬色的路上 看見了榮耀基督的異象,這異象控制著 他的一生,直到最後在亞基帕王面前仍 宣告說,「我故此沒有違背那從天上來 的異象」(徒 26:19)

為要清楚的認識這個標竿與達到標 竿的道路,我們需要知道在教會歷史中 屬靈產業恢復的腳蹤。在使徒時代所有 的啟示已達到最高峰,那一次交付聖徒 的真道(信仰)已完滿的啟示在聖經 中,第一次的啟示曾經破碎,屬靈的產 業曾經失去,然而 神恢復的啟示與產 ages has been hidden. We can now see the eternal purpose in God's heart. Bible also tells us that "The mystery of God is Christ"(Col. 2:2). Hence, Christ is the center of God's purpose, and the center of all revelation. The mystery of Christ is "church", which is Christ in a collective form. In due time, Church will become the manifestation of the fullness of Christ.

B. Vision and Mark - The vision we see brings forth a mission in our heart and becomes the mark toward which we run.

"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13 –14

We receive a vision when the Holy Spirit reveals in our heart God's eternal purpose. This vision will attract us and control our life style, words, deeds and services. After seeing the vision of the glorious Christ on his way to Damascus, Paul's remaining life was controlled by it. Even till the end of his days, he still proclaimed to King Agippa that "I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19)

Vision is active and living. The mission brought forth by the vision will become the mark toward which we run. Many saints through ages had clearly seen this mark. Abraham was one of them who saw a city with foundations, whose builder and architect is God. Having seen the joy laid ahead of Him, Lord Jesus was able to despise all shames, endure the cross, and finish the course of His journey. The same vision and same mark became Paul's. Therefore, he had only one thing in mind, which is to forget what is behind and press forward toward the mark.

In order to see clearly our mark and the way to the mark, we need to know the footsteps of restoration of spiritual inheritance. In the age of apostles, all revelation reached its peak and fullness. Faith and revelation they received were complete. However, that initial and complete revelation was destroyed afterwards, and the spiritual inheritance originally obtained was lost. Later God worked to restore lost revelation and inheritance. Once restored, they can

no longer be destroyed or lost.

二、啓示恢復的腳蹤

(一)我們的來歷與屬靈產業的 承繼

我們在這裏只能簡單列舉一些恢復 屬靈產業的聖徒和他們所恢復的產業, 由此可以知道 我們的來歷,也知道我 們在基督身體中所承繼的產業是何等寶 貴。

- 1. 馬丁路德-因信稱義
- 2. 勞倫斯-與神同在
- 3. 本仁約翰-屬靈爭戰
- 4. 蓋恩夫人-絕對順服
- 5. 新生鐸夫-國度事奉
- 6. 約翰衛斯理-成為聖潔
- 7. 芬尼-福音能力
- 8. 達秘-恩典與弟兄相愛
- 9. 喬治慕勒-信心的道路
- 10. 慕安得烈-基督內住
- 11. 賓路易師母-十架真理與得勝生命
- 12. 弟兄們-基督是元首並祂的再來
- 13. 宣信-基督是一切
- 14. 史百克-升天的基督與祂的身體
- 15. 倪柝聲-實行的十架與基督的身體

(二)我們是什麼

我們在基督身體中一面承繼著所有 的產業,另一面主也有祂的託付要我們 竭力的去追求,我們若有一點得著也全 是為著基督的身體就是祂的教會。

聖經中記載著三個主要的節期,這 三個節期可以代表著基督教會中的三個

II. Footsteps of the Restoration of Revelation

A. Our history and spiritual inheritance

We can only briefly list a few saints who restored important spiritual inheritance. When knowing the history of restoration, we will cherish more the inheritance in the body of Christ.

- 1. Martin Luther Justification by faith
- 2. Lawrence The presence of God
- 3. John Bunyan Spiritual battles
- 4. Madam Guyon Absolute obedience
- 5. Zinsendorf Service of the kingdom
- 6. John Wesley Sanctification
- 7. Fanny Power of gospel
- 8. Darby Grace and brotherly love
- 9. George Muller Way of faith
- 10. Andrew Murray Abide in Christ
- 11. Jesse Penn-Lewis Truth of the cross and the victorious life
- 12. Brethren Christ is the Head and His second coming
- 13. A. B. Simpson Christ is all and in all
- 14. A. Sparks Ascended Christ and His body
- 15. Watchman Nee- Working cross and the body of Christ

B. What are we?

On one hand, we are in the body of Christ to receive all inheritance; on the other hand, the Lord urges us to pursuit inheritance in Him. Whatever we obtain will be for the benefit of His church and His body.

Bible records three important festivals, which represents three mainstreams types in the church.

三、我們的異象與標竿

(一) 基督-榮耀的主

西 3:11 惟有基督是包括一切、又住在 各人之內。

1. 基督是一切

2. 基督又在一切之內一從萬有中得著

The first festival is "Passover", which represents church that emphasizes fundamental teaching or evangelism. The second one is "Pentecost", which represents church that emphasizes the experiences of Holy Spirit. The third one is "Booths", which represents the church that emphasizes deeper, inner spiritual life, and unification with Christ. Each year men of Israel had to go up to Jerusalem three times for the celebration of these three festivals, not just picking one to go. In the same way, we can not just pick one church type, but accept and develop all three. We should stand on the foundation of salvation (Passover), cherish spiritual gifts and experiences (Pentecost), and pursuit deeper, inner spiritual life (Booths).

III. Our Vision and Mark

The whole bible talks about the core of God's purpose is a living person, Christ. The ultimate purpose of God's plan is for Christ to fill all and in all (Eph.4:10). Christ encompasses the individual Christ and Corporate Christ, therefore, Christ and His Church. Christ has completed the salvation, and Church are His redeemed people. Christ has risen from the dead, and church becomes His fullness. Christ has enthroned, and church reigns with Him.

A. Christ - Glorious Lord

"...but Christ is all, and in all." Col. 3:11

1. Christ is all

Christ has completed salvation and, in His humanity, sit on the Father's eternal throne. A hymn says: "Christ in glory has completely enlightened my heart." Its ending is: "I have seen the glorious face of Christ, do not mention anything else to me." Once we see the glorious Lord, He will become everything to us. "Only Jesus, Jesus ever...", He becomes the center of our living and service as well as the head of everything we do. Then we will say "You are the beloved Lord, my vision; only you are everything to me; all else are vain."

2. Christ is in all - Obtain Christ through all things

In Christ all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily

基督

神本性一切的豐盛,原是有形有體 的居住在基督裏面(西2:9),經過十 架, 主得著了最大的釋放,在聖靈裏 基督進入一切之內,現在我們可以從萬 有中得著基督。神使「萬事互相效力, 明愛神的人得益處」,每一個環境裏 面,我們都可以看到主,也可以得著 主,直到我們得著耶穌基督為至寶。

(二)教會-主的榮耀

弗 1:23 教會是祂的身體,是那充滿萬 有者所充滿的。

1. 教會的異象

2. 教會的見證-基督身體豐滿的彰顯

教會是基督的豐滿,這一個豐滿實際的被彰顯出來就是「見證」,如同意是完全不一樣的見證是完全不一樣的見證是完全的見證」,如一樣沒有人只要相信接受了主耶穌生活還沒有人以要相信接受了可能生活還沒有人。 一個成為基督徒,但他很可能生活還沒有人,但 一個成為基督徒的見證。 一個成為基督徒的見證的是證的 一個成為基督徒的見證。 一個成為其會的見證學表生 一個成為表明得故之後還要過力的追求, 也 是要讓教會的見證今天在地上能出現。 form (Col 2:9). The Lord obtained the greatest release through the cross. He is now entering into all things through the Holy Spirit, so that we may obtain Him through all things. God makes all things work together for the benefit of those who love God. In every circumstance, we can see the Lord and obtain the Lord until we have Him as our utmost treasure.

B. Church - the Glory of the Lord

"Which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Eph. 1:23

1. The vision of church

Church is the body of Christ, the one that fills all and in all. Church is the bride of Christ, the continuation and manifestation of the Son of God. In Chapter two of the book of Genesis, God took one of Adam's ribs and made it into a woman. This mystery is later explained in the book of Ephesians Chapter five that it actually refers to Christ and His church. At the end of Bible in the book of Revelation, God's purpose is accomplished, and the bride is fully adorned, which means the body of Christ has reached its full measure in the form of New Jerusalem, the holy city, descending from above. Finally, Christ fills all through His church, and Gods' ultimate purpose is achieved.

2. The testimony of church - The manifestation of the fullness of the body of Christ

Church is the manifestation of Christ. Once the fullness is manifested, it is called "testimony".
"Church" is different from "church's testimony", just as "Christian" is different from "Christian's testimony". The reason is that a person can be saved and become a Christian, but his living may remain pretty much the same, without the testimony of being a Christian. The purpose of God's work today is to let this testimony be seen on earth. Therefore, we need to continuously and earnestly pursue Him after we are saved in order to manifest the testimony of Church.

四、我們的道路

IV. Our Way

看見了標竿並不是已經達到了標 竿,見證也還沒有顯出。但我們若知道 向著的榮耀標竿是什麼,我們就不灰 心、不喪膽;在仇敵最猛烈的攻擊下, 能得著基督的忍耐,和主與眾同伴一同 走這條榮耀的道路。

(一) 釘十架基督是我們的道路

(二)新約中三個主要的職事與 我們追求的三條線

1. 彼得福音的職事—傳福音為國度得 材料

2. 約翰生命的職事—屬靈生命的成長 與造就

老約翰在約翰壹書一開頭處說, 「這生命已經顯現出來,我們也看見 過,現在又作見證,將原與父同在,且 顯現與我們那永遠的生命傳給你們。」 Seeing the mark does not mean reaching it. However, if we know what our mark is, we will not easily grow weary or lose heart. In the most severe battle with our foes, if with the ultimate mark in mind, we can obtain the patience of Christ and press on with other Christians on this glorious way.

A. Christ is our way

Lord Jesus told us in John Chapter 14: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me." The Lord incarnated and lived as a man for 33.5 years, in which He fully manifested the fullness of Deity. In order to bring us into glory, through His death on the cross, He put an end to the old creation, rose from the dead, defeated the power of death and satan, and was received up into heavenly glory. Christ is our way, on which we shall all walk, just as He did on the way of the cross. Only if we go through the way of crucified Christ, can we reach the mark.

B. Three main ministries in the New Testament and three ways we pursue

 The ministry of Peter – Obtain materials for God's kingdom through gospel preaching

In the book of Acts chapter two, church started officially on Pentecost after Jesus resurrected and poured down His glorified spirit. On that day, Peter stood up and said "...This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses..." Today, in the same way, all children of God should be His witnesses. The Lord truly lives within us. He talks with us, and walks with us. Therefore, we are not preaching a doctrine, but a living Lord.

2. The ministry of Apostle John - The growth and edification of the spiritual life

Apostle John began the book of I John by saying: "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life..." Hence, we Christians have received the eternal life, for which the church should bear witness, accept the work of the cross, and obey the anointed teaching in order to show

這永遠的生命我們今天都得著了,教會 要作基督生命的見證,必須接受十架的 製作,順服恩膏的教訓,讓基督那榮美 的生命從我們裏面活出。

3. 保羅建造的職事—愛中建造基督的 身體

以弗所書是聖經中啟示的最高峰, 保羅在第一到第三章闡明這極峰的啟 示, 由第四章開始則說到實行的道 路。首先要竭力保守在聖靈裏的 「一」,作身體合一的見證,接著說到 在愛中建造基督的身體。我們永遠要持 守建造的道路,不單在我們各人身上, 更要和眾肢體同被建造,直到教會滿有 基督長成的身量。 forth the beautiful life of Christ.

3. The ministry of Paul - Build up the body of Christ in love

The book of Ephesians reaches the climax of the revelation in the Bible. Paul explained this revelation in the first three chapters, and talked about the way to practice it from the fourth chapter. First, we need to keep the oneness in the Holy Spirit to bear the witness of unity. Then, we need to build up the body of Christ in love. Hence, we always have to keep ourselves on the way of building up, not just individually, but also collectively, until one day the church reaches the full measure of Christ.