

~ Channels Of Truth ~
Zechariah 4:2

Psalm 97:1-5

1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 **His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.**

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Psalm 97:10-12

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness
for the upright in heart.

"LIGHT [**Truth**] is sown for the righteous, and GLADNESS [the joys of the Truth] for the upright in heart. Psalm 97:11

THE true children of God love the Truth because they have an affinity for it.... When they have found the Truth they recognize its value; they prize it, and meditate upon it.... They say, It is just like God: it is the manifestation of His glorious goodness, the reflection of His loving, benevolent, wise and just character. And therefore they love the Truth and the God who gave it: they treasure it up in their hearts and con it over again and again; and as they look into it, and admire all its symmetry and beauty, they strive more and more to conform their own characters to the same lines of beauty and seek to commend it by word and conduct to others, that they also may be blessed by it."

Ours is a day of Truth Revealed

Truth Revitalized

Truth Reborn

~ A MORNING OF LIGHT AND TRUTH ~

1 Corinthians 1:13
Is Christ divided?



Revelation 11:3-4

And I will give (~~power~~ – *supplied*) unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. (KJV)

Revelation 11:3-4

"And I will give unto my two witnesses, that they shall prophesy, a thousand two hundred and sixty days, arrayed in sackcloth. These, are the two olive-trees, and the two lamps, which, before the Lord of the earth, do stand."
(Rotherham)

THINK about it!

The point we wish to impress and ask you to think about carefully, is just how favored we are to be living in the time that we live. To have the Light of God's Truth shining before our minds - as brightly as it did in the First Church, in Ephesus. And to weigh carefully **the means** by which the Light of God was "**Channeled**" for us to enjoy.

How it was possible for us to understand Jesus' words "I am The Way, The Truth and The Life." Brethren, this was an understanding that showed us the way that we might "enter the race for the prize of the high calling," that for many centuries was known by very few. **But we know.**

And **How Do We Know? This is the heart of the question.**

How is it that we know the **purpose** of the High Calling of God In Christ Jesus?

1Thessalonians 4:16

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.”

Who gives us Truth? “The Lord Jesus himself,” at his return.

Revelation 10:7

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall **begin** to sound, the mystery of God should be **finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

Revelation 11:15

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

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"as you were taught it."

Colossians 2:4-8

And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit ...

Colossians 2:7

"having the roots of your being firmly planted in Him, and continually building yourselves up in Him, and always **BEING CONFIRMED IN THE FAITH AS YOU WERE TAUGHT IT**, and abounding in it with thanksgiving."

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"being rooted and built up in him and being stabilized in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with thanksgiving."

Colossians 1:21-23

“In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard.”

2 Thessalonians 2:15

“So then, brothers, stand firm and **hold to the teachings** we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.”
(NIV)

2 Timothy 1:13

“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)

Titus 1:9

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”

Reprint 3153:5

"DIVINE truth is never found except in the divinely APPOINTED CHANNELS: and those channels are THE LORD AND THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS. To CONTINUE in the DOCTRINE SET FORTH in their inspired writings, to study and meditate upon them, to trust implicitly in them, and faithfully to conform our characters to them, is what is implied in continuing in the Word of the Lord. If we thus continue in the Word of the Lord, as earnest and sincere disciples, we shall indeed "know the Truth;" we shall be "firm in the faith," and "able to give a reason for the hope that is in us," to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," to "war a good warfare," to "witness a good confession," and firmly to "endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ," even unto the end of our course."

Hebrews 2:1

“We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.” (NIV)

Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering”

Jude 1:3

“I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” (NIV)

The Channels of Light and Truth

- Revelation 1
And
- Zechariah 4

Revelation 1:19-20

“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

Reprint 3570

"It is this one whom we thus know, thus recognize as the instructor and caretaker of the candlesticks, the churches; whom we are to recognize also as having in his right hand, in his favor as well as in his power, seven stars – the angels or messengers of the seven churches. These stars apparently represent special ministers or servants of the Church. In Revelation 12:1 the Church is pictured as a woman crowned with twelve stars. These stars evidently represent the twelve apostles as the special lights of the Church. Similarly, in the picture before us, the seven stars which the Lord holds in his right hand seem to represent special light-bearers in the Church – in each of the seven phases or developments. That they are held in his right hand seems to teach us that these should be considered as in some special sense under the Master's guidance and protection and care in the interest of the churches which they represented. ...

Reprint 3570

It will be noticed that the messages to the various churches are all addressed to these stars or messengers or angels of the churches, as though he would have us understand that the appropriate message for each appropriate time or epoch in the Church's experience would be sent by the Lord through a particular star or messenger whom he would particularly commission as his representative."

Zechariah 4:1-3 NIV

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“I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top

and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.

Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.”

Zechariah 14:11-14 NIV

Then I asked the angel, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?”

Again I asked him, “What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?” He replied, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I said.

So he said, “These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.”

Zechariah 14:14 YLT

“And he saith, `These are the two sons of the oil, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.’”

Young's Literal Translation

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Channels Of Truth – 1st Jesus

- John 12:49 “For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.”
- John 14:24 “and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.”
- John 7:16 “Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.”

Channels Of Truth – 1st Jesus

- John 6:63 “the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
- John 14:10 “the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me,”

Channels Of Truth – 1st Jesus

- John 17:8 “For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.”

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