

Crystallization-Study Outlines

ZECHARIAH

Message Seven

Christ as Everything for the Building of the Temple of God

Scripture Reading: Ezra 5:1-2; Zech. 1:1, 7-17; 2:1-13; 3:9; 4:7; 6:12-13

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- Ezra 5:2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God, which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them, helping them.
- Zech 1:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,
- Zech 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,
- Zech 1:8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.
- Zech 1:9 Then I said, What are these, sir? And the angel who spoke with me said to me, I will show you what these are.
- Zech 1:10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are those whom Jehovah has sent to go to and fro on the earth.
- Zech 1:11 And they answered the Angel of Jehovah, who was standing among the myrtle trees, and they said, We have gone to and fro on the earth, and indeed all the earth sits still and is quiet.
- Zech 1:12 Then the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long will You not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant for these seventy years?
- Zech 1:13 And Jehovah answered the angel who spoke with me with good words, with comforting words.
- Zech 1:14 So the angel who spoke to me said to me, Cry out, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts: I am greatly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion;
- Zech 1:15 And I am extremely angry with the nations, who are at ease; for I was only a little angry, but their help increased the affliction.
- Zech 1:16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, I return to Jerusalem with compassions; My house will be built in it, declares Jehovah of hosts, and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.
- Zech 1:17 Cry out again, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, My cities will again overflow with good, and Jehovah will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem.
- Zech 2:1 Then I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a man, and in His hand was a measuring line.
- Zech 2:2 And I said, Where are You going? And He said to me, To measure Jerusalem; to see how great its breadth is and how great its length is.
- Zech 2:3 Then at that point the angel who spoke with me went forth and another angel came forth to meet him.
- Zech 2:4 And he said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem will lie as an open region due to the multitude of men and cattle within it,
- Zech 2:5 For I will be her wall of fire round about, declares Jehovah, and I will be the glory within her.
- Zech 2:6 Ho! Ho! Flee from the land of the north, declares Jehovah, for I have spread you out like the four winds of the heavens, declares Jehovah.
- Zech 2:7 Ho, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.
- Zech 2:8 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, After the glory He has sent Me against the nations who plunder you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.
- Zech 2:9 For I am now waving My hand over them, and they will be plunder for those who served them; and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me.
- Zech 2:10 Give a ringing shout and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for now I am coming, and I will dwell in your midst, declares Jehovah.
- Zech 2:11 And many nations will join themselves to Jehovah in that day and will become My people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me to you.
- Zech 2:12 And Jehovah will inherit Judah as His portion upon the holy land, and He will again choose Jerusalem.

Zech 2:13 Hush, all flesh, before Jehovah! For He is roused up from His holy habitation.
 Zech 3:9 For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua-upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
 Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.
 Zech 6:12 And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks Jehovah of hosts, saying, Here is a man, whose name is the Shoot; and he will shoot forth from his place and will build the temple of Jehovah.
 Zech 6:13 Indeed, it is He who will build the temple of Jehovah; and He will bear majesty and will sit and rule on his throne; and He will be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace will be between the two of them.

I. The temple of God is the goal of God's eternal economy—Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4; John 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:21; Rev. 21:2, 22:

Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;
 Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
 1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
 John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
 John 2:20 Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days?
 John 2:21 But He spoke of the temple of His body.
 John 2:22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.
 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.
 Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
 Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

A. The temple in the Old Testament typifies both the individual Christ and the corporate Christ, the church—1 Kings 6:1-2:

1 Kings 6:1 Then in the four hundred eightieth year after the children of Israel had come forth out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of his reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv (this is the second month), Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah.
 1 Kings 6:2 And the house which King Solomon built to Jehovah was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.

1. The temple first typifies the individual, incarnated Christ as the dwelling place of God on earth—Col. 2:9; John 1:14; 2:19-22.

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
 John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
 John 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
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2. The temple also typifies the corporate Christ, the church, as the enlarged temple, the unique building of God in the universe—Matt. 12:6; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 12:12; Eph. 2:21.

Matt 12:6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.
 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

B. The church is the temple of God; as such, it is the sanctuary of the holy God, the temple in which the Spirit of God dwells—1 Cor. 3:16-17:

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.

1. The temple of God in verse 16 refers to the believers collectively in a certain locality, whereas the temple of God in verse 17 refers to all the believers universally.

2. The unique spiritual temple of God in the universe has its expression in many localities on earth; each expression is the temple of God in that locality—Eph. 2:21-22.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

C. There is no temple in the New Jerusalem, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple—Rev. 21:22:

Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

1. In the new heaven and new earth the temple of God will be enlarged into a city.

2. The city as a whole will be the Holy of Holies; hence, there will be no temple in it—v. 16.

Rev 21:16 And the city lies square, and its length is as great as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed to a length of twelve thousand stadia; the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

II. The center, the aim, and the goal of Satan's struggle against God are related to the temple of God—Matt. 16:18; John 2:19-22; Dan. 11:36-45:

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

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Dan 11:36 And the king will do as he pleases; and he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and against the God of gods he will speak extraordinary things; and he will prosper until the indignation is complete; for what has been determined will be done.

Dan 11:37 And he will not regard the gods of his fathers or the desire of women, nor will he regard any other god; for he will magnify himself above all.

Dan 11:38 But he will honor instead the god of fortresses; indeed a god whom his fathers did not know he will honor with gold, silver, precious stones, and treasures.

Dan 11:39 And he will take action against the most fortified of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will increase the honor of those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over many, and he will divide the land to them as a reward.

Dan 11:40 And at the time of the end the king of the south will push against him, and the king of the north will storm back at him with chariots and horsemen and many ships; and he will enter the countries and overflow and pass through.

Dan 11:41 He will also enter the beautiful land, and many countries will fall; but these will slip away from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the foremost of the children of Ammon.

Dan 11:42 Then he will stretch forth his hand against the countries, and for the land of Egypt there will be no escape.

Dan 11:43 And he will have control over the hidden stores of gold and silver and over all the precious things of the Egyptians; and the Libyans and Cushites will follow in his steps.

Dan 11:44 But news from the east and from the north will trouble him, and he will go forth with great wrath destroying and exterminating many.

Dan 11:45 And he will pitch the tents of his palace between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain; but he will come to his end, and there will be no one to help him.

- A. God desires to have a place on earth for His people to worship Him, as a testimony that He still has an interest on this earth—1 Kings 7:51; 8:10-11.
- 1 Kings 7:51 Thus all the work that King Solomon did in the house of Jehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had sanctified, the silver and the gold and the vessels, and he put them in the treasuries of the house of Jehovah.
- 1 Kings 8:10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the house of Jehovah;
- 1 Kings 8:11 And the priests were not able to stand and minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah.
- B. Satan is always struggling to destroy the temple of God—2 Kings 25:1-4, 9; Ezra 5:13; 6:15; Dan. 11:21-35; Matt. 22:7; 24:1-2, 15; 2 Thes. 2:3-4, 8; Rev. 11:1-2.
- 2 Kings 25:1 In the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and his whole army, against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.
- 2 Kings 25:2 So the city came under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.
- 2 Kings 25:3 On the ninth day of the fourth month, the famine was so severe within the city that there was no food for the people of the land.
- 2 Kings 25:4 Then the city was breached, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden, while the Chaldeans were all around the city; and the king went on the way toward the Arabah.
- 2 Kings 25:9 And he burned the house of Jehovah and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every large house he burned with fire.
- Ezra 5:13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, King Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.
- Ezra 6:15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.
- Dan 11:21 Then there will arise in his place a despicable person, to whom the honor of a kingdom will not be given; but he will come in a time of security and will seize the kingdom by smooth and cunning words and actions.
- Dan 11:22 And the overflowing forces will be flooded over before him and broken, even also the prince of the covenant.
- Dan 11:23 And once he has made an alliance with him, he will practice deceit and will go up and become mighty with a small group of people.
- Dan 11:24 In a time of security he will enter even the richest parts of the kingdom and will do that which his fathers never did, nor his fathers' fathers; prey, spoil, and riches will he scatter among them, and against strongholds he will devise strategies, but only for a while.
- Dan 11:25 And he will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will stir himself up to wage war with an extremely great and mighty army of his own; but he will not stand, for strategies will have been devised against him.
- Dan 11:26 And those who eat of his choice provision will destroy him; and his army will overflow, and many will fall down slain.
- Dan 11:27 And as for both of these kings, their hearts will be to do evil, and they will speak lies across one table; but what they do will not succeed, for the end is still at the appointed time.
- Dan 11:28 Then the king of the north will return to his land with great riches; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and will return to his land.
- Dan 11:29 At the appointed time he will return and come against the south; but this latter time will not be like the former time.
- Dan 11:30 For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will turn away; and he will be enraged at the holy covenant and will take action. When he turns away, he will focus his attention on those who forsake the holy covenant.
- Dan 11:31 And forces from him will arise and profane the sanctuary, establishing the fortress and removing the daily sacrifice; and they will set up the abomination that desolates.
- Dan 11:32 And with his smooth words he will cause those who act wickedly toward the covenant to be profane. But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.
- Dan 11:33 And those with insight among the people will cause the many to understand; yet they will fall by sword and by flames, by captivity and by plundering for some days.

- Dan 11:34 And when they fall, they will be helped with a little help; and many will join themselves to them in word only.
- Dan 11:35 And some of those with insight will fall, in order to refine the people and to purify and cleanse them, until the time of the end, for the end is still at the appointed time.
- Matt 22:7 And the king became angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.
- Matt 24:1 And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away, and His disciples came to Him to show Him the buildings of the temple.
- Matt 24:2 But He answered and said to them, Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, There shall by no means be left here a stone upon a stone, which shall not be thrown down.
- Matt 24:15 Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him who reads understand),
- 2 Thes 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,
- 2 Thes 2:4 Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth, saying that he is God.
- 2 Thes 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming),
- Rev 11:1 And there was given to me a reed like a rod, and someone said, Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship in it.
- Rev 11:2 And the court which is outside the temple cast out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.

III. Zechariah prophesied to help the returned Israelites in the work of building the temple; the rebuilding work continued through the encouragement and help of the prophesying of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah—Ezra 5:1-2:

- Ezra 5:1 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.
- Ezra 5:2 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God, which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them, helping them.
- A. Zechariah was born of a priestly family in captivity; he was first a priest, and then he became a prophet—Neh. 12:1, 4, 12, 16; Zech. 1:1.
- Neh 12:1 Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
- Neh 12:4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,
- Neh 12:12 And in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of fathers' houses, were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
- Neh 12:16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
- Zech 1:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,
- B. Because his ministry sprang from and was based on his priesthood, Zechariah spoke very much concerning Christ; he did not predict anything but Christ, and all he spoke about was Christ, because he was a priest contacting the Lord all the time—9:9; 11:7, 12-13; 12:10; 14:17.
- Zech 9:9 Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; / Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Now your King comes to you. / He is righteous and bears salvation, / Lowly and riding upon a donkey, / Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey,
- Zech 11:7 So I shepherded the flock of slaughter, and thereby the afflicted of the flock. And I took to myself two staves; one I called Favor, and the other I called Bonds; and I shepherded the flock.
- Zech 11:12 And I said to them, If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, do not bother. So they weighed out my wages, thirty pieces of silver.
- Zech 11:13 And Jehovah said to me, Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price that I am priced with by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter, into the house of Jehovah.

- Zech 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced; and they will wail over Him with wailing as for an only son and cry bitterly over Him with bitter crying as for a firstborn son.
- Zech 14:17 And whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there will be no rain.

IV. The book of Zechariah reveals that Christ is everything for the recovery of the building of God's house, the temple of God:

- A. We need the heavenly vision to see the things concerning Christ related to the recovery of the building of the temple of God—6:12-13.

Zech 6:12 And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks Jehovah of hosts, saying, Here is a man, whose name is the Shoot; and he will shoot forth from his place and will build the temple of Jehovah.

Zech 6:13 Indeed, it is He who will build the temple of Jehovah; and He will bear majesty and will sit and rule on his throne; and He will be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace will be between the two of them.

- B. In Zechariah 1:7-17 we see the vision of a man riding on a red horse and standing among the myrtle trees:

Zech 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, saying,

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Zech 1:9 Then I said, What are these, sir? And the angel who spoke with me said to me, I will show you what these are.

Zech 1:10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are those whom Jehovah has sent to go to and fro on the earth.

Zech 1:11 And they answered the Angel of Jehovah, who was standing among the myrtle trees, and they said, We have gone to and fro on the earth, and indeed all the earth sits still and is quiet.

Zech 1:12 Then the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long will You not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant for these seventy years?

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Zech 1:16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, I return to Jerusalem with compassions; My house will be built in it, declares Jehovah of hosts, and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.

Zech 1:17 Cry out again, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, My cities will again overflow with good, and Jehovah will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem.

1. This man is the Angel of Jehovah, Christ in His humanity—v. 11; Exo. 3:2a, 4-6, 13-15; 23:20; 32:34.

Zech 1:11 And they answered the Angel of Jehovah, who was standing among the myrtle trees, and they said, We have gone to and fro on the earth, and indeed all the earth sits still and is quiet.

Exo 3:2a And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thornbush. ...

Exo 3:4 And when Jehovah saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the midst of the thornbush and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here I am.

Exo 3:5 And He said, Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

- Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- Exo 3:13 Then Moses said to God, If I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? what shall I say to them?
- Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you
- Exo 3:15 And God also said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial from generation to generation.
- Exo 23:20 I am now sending an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.
- Exo 32:34 And now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you. Now My Angel will go before you; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.
2. The red horse signifies Christ's swift move in His redemption, accomplished through the shedding of His blood—Zech. 1:8; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19.
- Zech 1:8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.
- Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
- 1 Pet 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,
- 1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;
3. The redeeming Christ, as a man and as the Angel of Jehovah, was sent by God to be with the humiliated yet precious people of Israel (myrtle trees) in their captivity—Zech. 1:8.
- Zech 1:8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.
4. Christ interceded for those in captivity, and Jehovah answered His prayer, saying, "I return to Jerusalem with compassions; My house will be built in it, declares Jehovah of hosts"—vv. 12, 16.
- Zech 1:12 Then the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long will You not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant for these seventy years?
- Zech 1:16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, I return to Jerusalem with compassions; My house will be built in it, declares Jehovah of hosts, and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.
- C. In 2:1-13 we see the vision of a man with a measuring line in His hand:
- Zech 2:1 Then I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a man, and in His hand was a measuring line.
- Zech 2:2 And I said, Where are You going? And He said to me, To measure Jerusalem; to see how great its breadth is and how great its length is.
- Zech 2:3 Then at that point the angel who spoke with me went forth and another angel came forth to meet him.
- Zech 2:4 And he said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem will lie as an open region due to the multitude of men and cattle within it,
- Zech 2:5 For I will be her wall of fire round about, declares Jehovah, and I will be the glory within her.
- Zech 2:6 Ho! Ho! Flee from the land of the north, declares Jehovah, for I have spread you out like the four winds of the heavens, declares Jehovah.
- Zech 2:7 Ho, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.

- Zech 2:8 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, After the glory He has sent Me against the nations who plunder you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.
- Zech 2:9 For I am now waving My hand over them, and they will be plunder for those who served them; and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me.
- Zech 2:10 Give a ringing shout and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for now I am coming, and I will dwell in your midst, declares Jehovah.
- Zech 2:11 And many nations will join themselves to Jehovah in that day and will become My people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me to you.
- Zech 2:12 And Jehovah will inherit Judah as His portion upon the holy land, and He will again choose Jerusalem.
- Zech 2:13 Hush, all flesh, before Jehovah! For He is roused up from His holy habitation.
1. This man is Christ in His humanity as the Angel of Jehovah, the One speaking with Zechariah—vv. 1a, 2.

Zech 2:1a Then I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a man, ...

Zech 2:2 And I said, Where are You going? And He said to me, To measure Jerusalem; to see how great its breadth is and how great its length is.
 2. The man with the measuring line intended to measure Jerusalem so that Jehovah might repossess it after the seventy years of Israel’s captivity—vv. 2, 4b.

Zech 2:2 And I said, Where are You going? And He said to me, To measure Jerusalem; to see how great its breadth is and how great its length is.

Zech 2:4b ... Jerusalem will lie as an open region due to the multitude of men and cattle within it,
 3. In verse 8 both *He* and *Me* refer to Jehovah of hosts:

Zech 2:8 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, After the glory He has sent Me against the nations who plunder you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.

 - a. This means that Jehovah of hosts is the Sender and the sent One—vv. 9, 11.

Zech 2:9 For I am now waving My hand over them, and they will be plunder for those who served them; and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me.

Zech 2:11 And many nations will join themselves to Jehovah in that day and will become My people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that Jehovah of hosts has sent Me to you.
 - b. Jehovah is the Triune God; in verse 8 one of the three in the Godhead, referred to as “He,” sent another of the three, referred to as “Me.”

Zech 2:8 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, After the glory He has sent Me against the nations who plunder you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.
 - c. The Sender is surely the Father, and the sent One is the Son—John 5:36b; 6:57a; 8:16.

John 5:36b ... for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the works themselves which I do, testify concerning Me that the Father has sent Me.

John 6:57a As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, ...

John 8:16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me.
 - d. “After the glory”—after the return of the captives—the Triune God decided that the Father would send the Son against the nations who plundered Israel; both the Father and the Son are Jehovah—Zech. 2:8.

Zech 2:8 For thus says Jehovah of hosts, After the glory He has sent Me against the nations who plunder you; for he who touches you touches the pupil of His eye.
- D. In Zechariah Christ is revealed as the stone with seven eyes (3:9), the topstone (4:7), and the Shoot that will build the temple of Jehovah (6:12-13).
- Zech 3:9 For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua-upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

- Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.
- Zech 6:12 And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks Jehovah of hosts, saying, Here is a man, whose name is the Shoot; and he will shoot forth from his place and will build the temple of Jehovah.
- Zech 6:13 Indeed, it is He who will build the temple of Jehovah; and He will bear majesty and will sit and rule on his throne; and He will be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace will be between the two of them.
- E. In Zechariah's prophecy Christ was sent to Israel as their King in a lowly form (9:9-10) and as their Shepherd to feed them (11:7), but He was detested (v. 8), sold (vv. 12-13), attacked (13:7), and pierced (12:10), and thereby accomplished redemption for them (13:1; 1:8; 3:9).
- Zech 9:9 Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; / Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Now your King comes to you. / He is righteous and bears salvation, / Lowly and riding upon a donkey, / Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey,
- Zech 9:10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim / And the horse from Jerusalem, / And the battle bow will be cut off; / And He will speak peace unto the nations, / And His dominion will be from sea to sea / And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
- Zech 11:7 So I shepherded the flock of slaughter, and thereby the afflicted of the flock. And I took to myself two staffs; one I called Favor, and the other I called Bonds; and I shepherded the flock.
- Zech 11:8 Then I destroyed the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was impatient with them, and their soul also detested me.
- Zech 11:12 And I said to them, If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, do not bother. So they weighed out my wages, thirty pieces of silver.
- Zech 11:13 And Jehovah said to me, Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price that I am priced with by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter, into the house of Jehovah.
- Zech 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, / And against the man who is My Fellow, / Declares Jehovah of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, / That the sheep may be scattered; / And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.
- Zech 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced; and they will wail over Him with wailing as for an only son and cry bitterly over Him with bitter crying as for a firstborn son.
- Zech 13:1 In that day there will be an opened fountain for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.
- Zech 1:8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.
- Zech 3:9 For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua-upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
- F. Eventually, Christ will fight for Israel to deliver them out of the hand of Antichrist for their household salvation (12:1—14:7, 12-15), and in the restoration Christ will be King over the earth (vv. 8-11, 16-21).
- Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,
- Zech 12:2 I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples; and when what happens in siege is upon Jerusalem, it will be upon Judah as well.
- Zech 12:3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone to all the peoples; all who burden themselves with her will be cut up. Indeed all the nations of the earth will be gathered against her.
- Zech 12:4 In that day, declares Jehovah, I will strike every horse with bewilderment and its rider with madness; and I will open My eyes upon the house of Judah and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.
- Zech 12:5 Then the leaders of Judah will say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem, by Jehovah of hosts their God, are my strength.

- Zech 12:6 In that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a fire pot on wood and like a torch of fire among sheaves, and they will consume all the surrounding peoples on the right and on the left. And Jerusalem will dwell again in her own place, in Jerusalem.
- Zech 12:7 And Jehovah will save the tents of Judah first, so that the beauty of the house of David and the beauty of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.
- Zech 12:8 In that day Jehovah will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of Jehovah before them.
- Zech 12:9 And in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- Zech 12:10 And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced; and they will wail over Him with wailing as for an only son and cry bitterly over Him with bitter crying as for a firstborn son.
- Zech 12:11 In that day there will be great wailing in Jerusalem, like the wailing of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
- Zech 12:12 And the land will wail, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;
- Zech 12:13 The family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;
- Zech 12:14 All the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.
- Zech 13:1 In that day there will be an opened fountain for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.
- Zech 13:2 And in that day, declares Jehovah of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass from the land.
- Zech 13:3 And if anyone still prophesies, his father and mother, who begot him, will say to him, You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of Jehovah; and his father and mother, who begot him, will pierce him through when he prophesies.
- Zech 13:4 And in that day the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; and they will not wear a hairy garment in order to deceive.
- Zech 13:5 But He will say, I am no prophet; I am a tiller of the ground; for a man sold Me in My youth.
- Zech 13:6 And someone will say to Him, What are these wounds between Your arms? And He will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of those who love Me.
- Zech 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, / And against the man who is My Fellow, / Declares Jehovah of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, / That the sheep may be scattered; / And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.
- Zech 13:8 And in all the land, declares Jehovah, / Two parts in it will be cut off and will die, / But the third part will be left in it.
- Zech 13:9 And I will bring the third part through fire / And refine them as silver is refined / And try them as gold is tried. / They will call on My name, / And I will answer them; / I will say, They are My people, / And they will say, Jehovah is my God.
- Zech 14:1 Indeed a day is coming for Jehovah when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.
- Zech 14:2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city will be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished; and half of the city will go forth into captivity, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.
- Zech 14:3 Then Jehovah will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights in a day of battle.
- Zech 14:4 And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split at its middle toward the east and toward the west into a very great valley, so that half of the mountain will remove to the north and half of it to the south.
- Zech 14:5 And you will flee into the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach unto Azel; yes, you will flee, just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Jehovah my God will come, and all the saints with Him.
- Zech 14:6 And in that day there will be no light; the shining ones will withdraw.
- Zech 14:7 For it will be a kind of day known only to Jehovah, neither day nor night; but at evening time there will be light.

- Zech 14:12 And this will be the plague with which Jehovah will strike all the peoples who have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are standing on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.
- Zech 14:13 And in that day a great panic from Jehovah will be among them; and each will seize his neighbor's hand, and his hand will rise up against his neighbor's hand.
- Zech 14:14 And Judah will also fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered together, gold and silver and garments, in great abundance.
- Zech 14:15 And as this plague is, so will the plague be on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that are in those camps.
- Zech 14:8 And in that day living waters will go forth from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; it will be there in summer and in winter.
- Zech 14:9 And Jehovah will be King over all the earth; and in that day Jehovah will be the one God and His name the one name.
- Zech 14:10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem will be raised and will dwell in her place, from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.
- Zech 14:11 And people will dwell in her, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell securely.
- Zech 14:16 And everyone left from all the nations that went forth against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Zech 14:17 And whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there will be no rain.
- Zech 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and enter, there will be no rain upon them; there will be the plague with which Jehovah strikes the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Zech 14:19 This will be the sin of Egypt and the sin of all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Zech 14:20 In that day on the horses' bells will be, Holiness to Jehovah; and the pots in the house of Jehovah will be like the basins before the altar.
- Zech 14:21 Indeed every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holiness to Jehovah of hosts; and all those who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them; and there will never again be a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts in that day.

V. As the development of the prophecy concerning Christ in Zechariah, Matthew and 1 Corinthians reveal that the all-inclusive Christ is everything for the building of the church as the temple of God:

- A. Matthew reveals that for the building of the church (16:18), Christ is the King (2:1-2; 21:5), the Son of the living God (16:16), the Son of Man (8:20; 11:19), the Baptizer (3:11), the light (4:12-16), the Physician (9:12), the Bridegroom (v. 15), the unfulled cloth (v. 16), the new wine (v. 17), the Shepherd (v. 36), the Lord of the harvest (v. 38), the Friend of sinners (11:19a), wisdom (v. 19b), the One who gives rest (vv. 28-30), the real David (12:3), the One greater than the temple (v. 6), the greater Jonah (vv. 39-41), the One greater than Solomon (v. 42), the bread and crumbs under the table (15:26-27), and the resurrected One in His humanity with all authority in heaven and on earth (28:18-19).
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Matt 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
- Matt 2:2 Saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star at its rising and have come to worship Him.
- Matt 21:5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King is coming to you, meek and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden."
- Matt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- Matt 8:20 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have roosts, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.

- Matt 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Yet wisdom is justified by her works.
- Matt 3:11 I baptize you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is stronger than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He Himself will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire,
- Matt 4:12 Now when He heard that John was delivered up, He withdrew into Galilee.
- Matt 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is beside the sea in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,
- Matt 4:14 In order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,
- Matt 4:15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:
- Matt 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."
- Matt 9:12 Now when He heard this, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.
- Matt 9:15 And Jesus said to them, The sons of the bridechamber cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.
- Matt 9:16 No one puts a patch of unfulled cloth on an old garment, for that which fills it up pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.
- Matt 9:17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.
- Matt 9:36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.
- Matt 9:38 Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest.
- Matt 11:19a The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. ...
- Matt 11:19b ... Yet wisdom is justified by her works.
- Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- Matt 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.
- Matt 12:3 But He said to them, Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, and those who were with him;
- Matt 12:6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.
- Matt 12:39 But He answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.
- Matt 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.
- Matt 12:41 Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.
- Matt 12:42 The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something more than Solomon is here.
- Matt 15:26 But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.
- Matt 15:27 And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
- Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

B. First Corinthians reveals that for the building of the church as the temple of God (3:16-17), the Body-Christ (12:12), Christ is the believers' portion (1:2), God's power and God's wisdom as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption to us (vv. 24, 30), the Lord of

glory (2:7-8), the depths of God (v. 10), the unique foundation of God's building (3:11), our Passover (5:7), the unleavened bread (v. 8), the spiritual food, the spiritual drink, and the spiritual rock (10:3-4), the Head (11:3), the Body (12:12), the firstfruits (15:20, 23), the second man (v. 47), and the last Adam, who became the life-giving Spirit (v. 45b) so that we may receive Him as our everything for the church.

- 1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- 1 Cor 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you.
- 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
- 1 Cor 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:
- 1 Cor 1:24 But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- 1 Cor 2:7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory,
- 1 Cor 2:8 Which none of the rulers of this age have known; for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;
- 1 Cor 2:10 But to us God has revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
- 1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 1 Cor 10:3 And all ate the same spiritual food,
- 1 Cor 10:4 And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.
- 1 Cor 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.
- 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
- 1 Cor 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 1 Cor 15:23 But each one in his own order: the firstfruits, Christ; then those who are Christ's at His coming;
- 1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

VI. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need certain crucial experiences of Christ:

- A. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ as the foundation, the One who holds and supports the entire church—3:11.
- 1 Cor 3:11 For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- B. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ as the cornerstone—Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:6.
- Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.
- Eph 2:20 Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;
- 1 Pet 2:6 For it is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a cornerstone, chosen and precious; and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame."

- C. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ as the topstone, as grace from God to us to be the covering of God's building—Zech. 4:7; 1 Cor. 15:10.
- Zech 4:7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain, and he will bring forth the topstone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.
- 1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.
- D. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ as the precious building materials—gold, silver, and precious stones—3:12a.
- 1 Cor 3:12a But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, ...
- E. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ as wisdom to us from God—1:30.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- F. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ in the power of His resurrection—Phil. 3:10-11.
- Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
- Phil 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.
- G. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ in His death—v. 10; S. S. 4:6.
- Phil 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
- S.S. 4:6 Until the day dawns and the shadows flee away, / I, for my part, will go to the mountain of myrrh / And to the hill of frankincense.
- H. For the building of the church as the temple of God, we need to experience Christ in His love—2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 3:17-19; 4:16.
- 2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- Eph 3:18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are
- Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.