

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Underlying Reality of This New Era

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Colossians 1.16-17 NIV

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- Christ is the essential and real meaning of life itself.
- He is the foundation and validity of the heavens and the earth.
- He is the message and essence of all things.
- He is the Light of the world and the Living Hope.

Ephesians 1.13 NIV

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

- We are filled with the substance of Christ – Christ in us the hope of glory!
- Substance literally means that which stands under or the underlying reality. It is the material from which something is made.

The substance of reality is found in Christ:

Hebrews 13.8 – Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever.

Revelation 1.8 – Christ was in the beginning – He is the alpha and omega.

John 1.1 – In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Hebrews 1.3 – Christ sustains all things by the power of His Word.

Genesis 1.1 – Christ is creativity.

Romans 3, 5 – Redemption and peace are in Christ.

Romans 6.11 – We are alive to God in Christ.

Romans 6.23 – Eternal life is found in Christ alone.

Romans 8.1 – There is no condemnation for those in Christ.

Ephesians 1.3 – We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

1 Corinthians 2.16 – We have the mind of Christ.

Galatians 3.27 – We have been clothed with Christ.

Galatians 5.1 – Freedom is found in Christ.

Philippians 1.11 – Righteousness is in Christ and the fruit of righteousness in us through Him.

2 Corinthians 5.17 – In Christ we are a new creation, the old is gone.

1 Peter 1.23 – The incorruptible, indestructible, imperishable seed of Christ is in our heart.

Colossians 2.6 – We are firmly rooted in Christ – built up and strengthened.

Romans 6, Colossians 2, 3 – We were crucified and died with Christ and were raised with Him.

Romans 15.5 – Perseverance and encouragement are in Christ.

Ephesians 1.10 – All things in Heaven & earth will be brought together under one head – Christ.

Ephesians 3.8 – In Christ are the unfathomable riches of life, wholeness, destiny, purpose and sonship.

John 14.6 – Christ is the Way, Truth, and Life.

Colossians 2.17 – Reality is found in Christ.

2 Timothy 3.16 TPT

¹⁶ **God has transmitted his very substance into every Scripture**, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness.

Ephesians 3.14-19 NASB

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to **be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man**, ¹⁷ **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to **know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may **be filled up to all the fullness of God**.

God is saying My Kingdom is increasing in the earth – there is no giant that intimidates Me – the earth is Mine. As God’s people we declare His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Heaven is invading the earth. Be strong and courageous. Reality is found in Christ! There is a sound of courage in Heaven, and it is being released in the earth, in Detroit, in our neighborhoods, in our families and work place, and in our hearts. Incline your ear and hear the sound of strength and courage. Transact with the sound of Heaven – receive what the Lord is sending out. Be strong and courageous. Fasten yourself to the Lord and be filled with His might, His power, His strength, His glory, His wisdom, His knowledge, and His understanding. The whole earth is eagerly waiting for sons of God to be revealed.

The Lord instructed Joshua and all of Israel to be strong and courageous.

- The word “strong” here means to fasten and the word “courageous” means to strengthen oneself.
- The Lord is saying securely fasten yourself to Me and go into this place filled with My strength and power. This is the place of success. This is the place of overcoming, endurance, and hope. In the place of being strong and courageous you will be alert. You will see what you need to see and have strategy, wisdom and God’s creativity will flow from you. Stay connected to Me; securely fasten yourself to Me and you will draw strength and courage. This is your reality in Christ.

Acts 4.12-13 NASB

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for **there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.**”

¹³ **When they saw the courage of Peter and John** and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and **they took note that these men had been with Jesus.** ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Reality is found in the Name of Jesus. We speak the Name of Jesus into every house in this City. We release the Name of Jesus on the streets. We declare the Name of Jesus over our civil government, businesses and industry, entertainment, education, law enforcement, over families and ethnic groups, over children and adults. We say to Detroit that Jesus is your hope and the provision of God the Father. We legislate the heavenlies with the Name of Jesus – declaring that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord of all. We speak to the City and declare, turn your face to Jesus. He is the Light that dispels darkness. He is what you are looking for and waiting for. Receive that Name, receive that Name, receive that Name.

We prophesy Colossians 2.6-8 to Detroit:

So then, Detroit, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him. Be rooted in Christ Jesus and be built up in Him. Be strengthened in Christ Jesus. The sound of worship will rise up out of the belly of this City and proclaim the Name of Jesus throughout the earth. See to it Detroit that no false god takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on **the Name and reality of Christ Jesus!**