



with



Hennie Meyers

Apostle

SWEEP

International

For Leaders

Revealing Christ (Matt 16:13-20)

There are a few pivotal revelations in this particular passage. Firstly Jesus makes it clear that He takes full responsibility for the building of His church. The building of the church is founded upon the rock of the revelation of Christ. We must remember that the church is not a building of brick and mortar but it is the body of Christ, which is the fullness of Him. (*Epf 1:22-23*). The body is the vehicle through which Christ has to become visible on the earth. Christ has to be recognised / revealed through this body which is the church. An important statement Jesus made was that Peter received this revelation from the Father. This is the revelation that we need to walk in.

In *Col. 1:26-28* we see Paul impressing on them the fact that Christ is in us is a great mystery and that this revelation of this mystery of Christ in us must culminate in making us individually and collectively perfect or mature in Christ. The inference being that Christ must become visible in us. This is a process of reformation in us to present Christ to a lost and dying world.

This intimate relationship of Christ in us and our identifying ourselves with Him enables us to walk in divine authority. We who have this revelation have been given power and authority to bind on earth (declare illegal) what has been bound in heaven, and to loose (declare legal) on earth what has been loosed in heaven. Why is this important? It is vitally linked to the purpose of God as revealed in *Eph. 1:9-23*, "to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, even in Him"!

Jesus came to demonstrate this truth while on the earth by saying to His disciples "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father." (*John 14:9*). It was important for Jesus to come to the earth to ensure that we could be reconciled with the Father through Him so that He could: "tabernacle among men" as was His eternal plan.

It would be this body revealing Christ that would fulfill His prayer "let thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven". (*Matt6:10*). How will this be possible? Only if we are prepared to follow His example as He revealed Christ to the people.

"Take my yoke on you and **learn of me**, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. (*Matt 11:29*).