

# Signs of maturity

We are meant to be childlike in our faith, not immature!

- For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
- (Heb 5:12-14)
- Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- (Heb 6:1-2)

# Dead works

- Trying to create on the outside what is not on the inside of our heart and soul.
- We live labouring to gain favour instead of working from favour (grace).
- This way we live with the cruel taskmaster of religion.
- What we need to do is live within the purpose of God for our life.

# Towards a passionate encounter

- His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."
- (Joh 2:17)
- You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- (Psa 16:11)

# He chooses people - you

- He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled *it* with His hand, saying, 'Since the day that I brought My people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel *in which* to build a house that My name might be there, but I chose David to be over My people Israel.'
- (1Ki 8:15-16)

# In His likeness

- Presence affirms our identity as more of who we are is revealed as we see more of Him.
- Become more like Him
- Do what He is doing, say what He is saying.

# We have His promise of the Spirit

- "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.
- (Joh 16:12-15)

# The prayer that says it all!

- that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
- (Eph 3:16-19)