

## The Person and the Presence of the Godhead - 2

Welcome to Pearl Family Church

At Pearl Family Church we are here to help you grow into everything God has created you to be as you discover that you are the pearl of great worth.

**Matt. 13:45-46 (WNT)** the Kingdom of the Heavens is like a jewel merchant who is in quest of choice pearls. He finds one most costly pearl; he goes away; and though it costs all he has, he buys it.

### Songs

**Even Now** - Stephen Cole, Stacey Willis, Dameon Aranda ©2017 Life.Church Worship

You are enough for, You are enough for me

#### Chorus

And even now, I see the clouds

A silver lining's breaking

My hope is found in You

My one defense, my confidence

The anchor to my soul

My hope is found in You

#### Verse 2

Help me to trust in the unseen

**WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS** - Dustin Smith, Chris Kuti, Dameon Aranda, Kyle O'Neal ©2019 Life.Church Worship

When You breathe, the dead arise

- **Acts 17:28** "For in him we live, and move, and have our being"

#### **CHORUS**

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there's life

- **John 14:6** "Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**"

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there's freedom

#### **BRIDGE**

Your love has set us free!

**Rom. 10:17** So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- **Now it's time to worship with our giving.**

**Lev. 27:30 (NIV)** A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

**Heb. 7:1-28 (ESV)** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ...

**Malachi 3:8-12** - <sup>8</sup> Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup> Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup> Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

<sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Some of the ministries we support:**

**Life Church** - <https://www.life.church/>

**Providence Veterans Farm** - PTSD and recovering families - no suicides as a result of the reboot recovery program. <https://www.providencefarm.org/>

**We are debt free.** We teach financial peace, checkbook. Etc.

- **Last time we touched on how to practice the presence of God.**

Neil Cole stated: When people encounter Jesus, alive and present as King, they get a taste of God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).

- **Matt. 6:10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- **Psa. 34:8** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- **A Refuge = Safety, defense, high tower**
- **Matt. 6:10 (WNT)** let Thy kingdom come; let Thy will be done, as in **Heaven so on earth;**

### **What is heaven on earth?**

**Hint** - It is not by listening to the father of lies.

**John 8:44 (ESV)** You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**John 10:10-11** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**Hebrews 13:20-21 (KJV)** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 14:26-27** But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**Phil. 2:6-7 (GW)** Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance.

### **My shepherd - Psalms 23 (close your eyes and listen)**

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**1 Pet. 2:5** You come to him as living stones, a spiritual house that is being built into a holy priesthood. So offer spiritual sacrifices that God accepts through Jesus Christ.

**Rev. 1:6** and has made us a kingdom, priests for God his Father. Amen.

Mat 6:9 (KJV) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Mat 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Mat 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Phil. 4:6-7 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Neil Cole** further states If Jesus is missing in our understanding of church, He will likely be missing in our expression of church as well.

## What a Church Is: Jesus Followed

I have come to understand church as this: **the presence of Jesus among His people called out as a spiritual family to pursue His mission on this planet.**

Granted, this is quite broad, but I like a broad definition of church. The Scriptures don't give a precise definition, so I'm not going to do what God has not done. I want something that captures what the Scriptures say about the Kingdom of God. In one of only two places where Jesus mentions church in the Gospels, He says, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst" (Matt 18:20). His presence must be an important element of church.

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**His presence is life; His absence is death.** He is the most essential portion of who and what we are. He should be the most important thing about us and the most recognizable aspect that the world sees.

**1 Jn 5:11-15** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

## Organic Church - Neil Cole

We've come to refer to some of the ideals of church planting movements as an "organic church." By organic, I don't mean that it is pesticide free. It's a matter of churches being alive and vibrant as living organisms.

The core reality is not how the followers are organized, disciplined or helped. The core reality is Jesus Christ being followed, loved and obeyed. Christ alive, forming spiritual families and working with them to fulfill His mission, is the living reality of the organic church. The church really is an embodiment of the risen Jesus. No wonder the Bible refers to the church as the Body of Christ.

**Heb. 4:12 (ISV)** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Rom. 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Rom. 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Eph. 2:8-9** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**1 Tim. 2:5-6** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**Rom. 8:33-34 (ESV)** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Rom 10:9-10** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**If you are serious about receiving Jesus - tap the raise hand tab.**

**[[[ This is your moment. Pray where you here it with your own ears and the whole church will pray along together with you... ]]]**

**"HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN JESUS NAME. AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HE DIED ON A CROSS TO BEAR MY SIN STAIN. AND I NOW OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART. I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY LIFE AND JESUS I INVITE YOU IN. I RECIEVE YOU NOW JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR AND TO BE MY LORD. THANK YOU FOR COMING. I'M NOW A CHILD OF GOD. AND MY SIN IS WASHED AWAY AND I'M HEAVEN BOUND. AND JESUS IS MY LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."**

**IF YOU HAVE PRAYED WITH ME, JESUS HAS COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. FIND A GOOD CHURCH TO HEAR GOD'S WORD AND TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.**

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**THANKS FOR PRAYING WITH ME TODAY.**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

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