

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week after reviewing the meaning and use of the term “island/islands I taught in part Joh 12:42-43.
2. Before summarizing what I covered last week, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. We will begin new material at point five on page four.

The Book of Isaiah

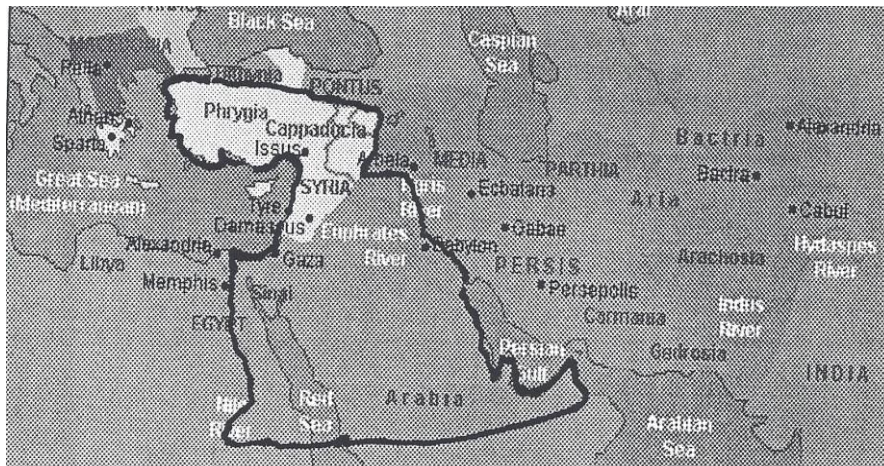
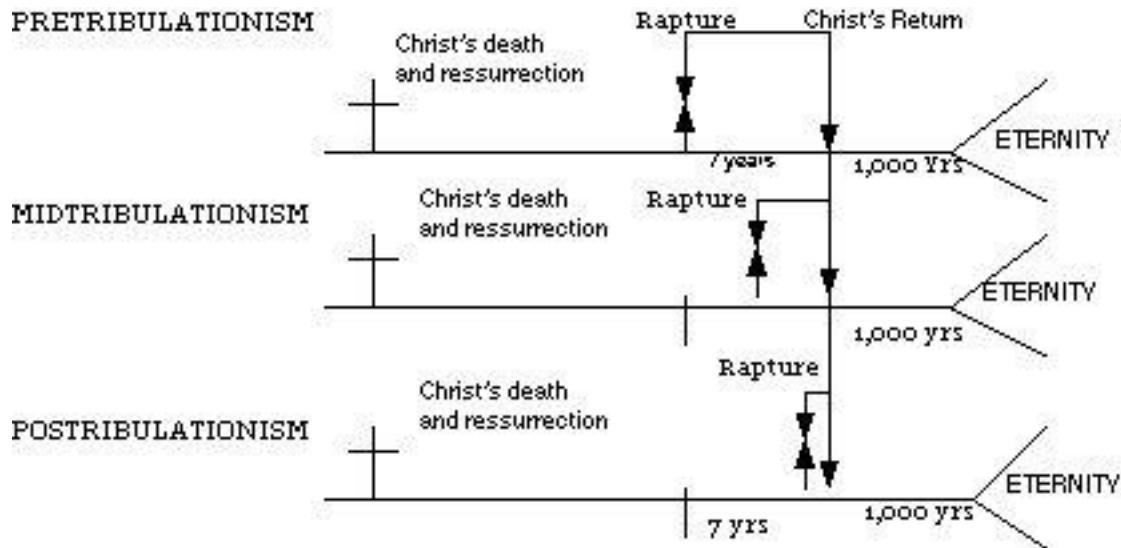
1. Last week when the clock tolled 8:45 P.M. we were in the process of studying several Messianic Prophecies found in the Book of Isaiah. One of which was “what would happen to the “islands of the sea?”

Isa 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

2. Islands of the sea refers to Gentile nations whose borders fall outside of those in the middle east; like for example the U.S. of A.
3. Let’s review 6 other uses of “island/islands” found in the Scripture after we take a look at three charts.



Christ’s Millennial Kingdom



Israel's Millennial Kingdom

Six Island Passages

Isa 13:22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Isa 42:12 Let them (believing Jews) give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. Jews in the Islands: USA, Canada, Mexico, India, Indonesia Australia etc.

Isa 59:18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence in the Tribulation and at the Judgment by Christ to determine who will go into the Millennium.

Jer 50:39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there (i.e. during the Millennium, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent (~100 pos.): and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

4. So much for the Island nations; now let's return to Joh 12:42-43.

Even the Chief Rulers Believed

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

Joh 12:43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

5. Last week when the clock tolled 7:45 I was teaching Joh 12:42-43 by reviewing the *Doctrine of the Pharisee*.

Doctrine of the Pharisee

1. The Pharisees were also rigid interpreters of the Mosaic law; but they frequently violated its spirit by their traditional interpretations and precepts. They ascribed their interpretations and precepts as equal with the Old Testament Scriptures.

2. The Pharisees are first mentioned as an existing party in Israel during the reign of John Hyrcanus (135-104 B.C.). Hyrcanus I was the first to lead the new Jewish state after the Maccabees.

3. Josephus emphasized the importance of “Pharisaism” as a bridge from the Old to the New Testament.

4. Summary

4.1 A definition of Pharisaism might begin by stressing that it was legalistic but not literalistic.

4.2 Why then did Jesus denounce Pharisaism? partly because of the hypocrisy of some of its representatives who "say, and do not." Mat 23:3-7

4.3 While laying external burdens upon themselves and their followers, they had actually made righteousness an easier way, a goal that was attainable by certain acts, so that when these acts had been performed the Pharisee might think he had done all that was required of him.

4.4 Against this attitude Jesus said that when all such requirements had been carried out, the servant of God could still not rest secure. Luk 17:7-10; Luk 23:5-7; Joh 3:1-7

5. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 12:44-45.

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Joh 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me (*only*), but on him that sent me.

Joh 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

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Joh 12:44 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me.

Joh 12:45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me.

14. I think the best way to teach Joh 12:44-45 is to review the *Doctrine of the Indwelling of Christ* and *the Indwelling of the Father*.

Doctrine of the Indwelling of Christ

1. At point of faith in Christ, Jesus indwells the believer and as long as the believer is positive toward God's protocol, Christ remains as an honored guest.

1.1 Being positive toward the word includes being confessed-up and wanting more doctrine.

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth ...

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

2. Appreciating the maximum benefit from the indwelling of Christ is not permanent since we all go through periods of negative volition toward the Word.

3. When we are negative, Christ is not at home in our hearts. It is then Christ steps outside and knocks with discipline. We never lose the indwelling of Christ but we often lose the appreciation of that indwelling.

3.1 While we are moving to spiritual maturity Christ is still our honored guest.

3.2 We are urged to examine ourselves to ensure that we are in fact growing spiritually.

Expanded Translation:

2Co 13:5 "You must continuously test yourselves to ensure that you are growing spiritually; you must as an on-going process assay your souls to determine the quality of your spiritual life. Christ will not be at home in your heart unless you are growing from EPIGNOSIS doctrine in your right lobe. When you are negative, Christ is not at home in the confines of the real but invisible you.

4. The purpose of the indwelling of Christ is to provide special fellowship with all the benefits of a bride protected and sustained by Jesus, the Groom.

4.1 Jesus makes love to His bride by offering doctrine for her response. Like a good right-man He is always offering even when rejected.

4.2 The Lord of our life though often the recipient of unrequited love is always there knocking; He is never willing to give up. Paul captures that concept in Eph 3:16-21.

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Eph 3:18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Eph 3:21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

5. As Church Age believers the Indwelling of Christ is unique to us. The Incarnate Christ so prophesied in Joh 14:18-20.

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Joh 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans without comfort; I will sometime in the future come to you.

Joh 14:19 Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I shall live, and you also shall live.

Joh 14:20 Now after I leave it is then that you will fully realize from the Word as taught you by The Comforter that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you.

5.1 Notice how important this uniqueness of Christ is as part of the mystery doctrines of the Church Age.

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Col 1:27 To them (*Church Age believers*) God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Col 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Col 1:29 To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

6. When Christ indwells us, we are dead to the control of the old sin nature and this is all part of the desired maturation process. Notice Rom 12:1 and 2 where the two power options are defined.

Rom 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

7. This concept is amplified in Rom 8:10 where the domination of the old sin nature is said to be abrogated by DIKAIOSUNE - which is the process of righteousness. The process of righteousness is the consistent use of the two power options and when this occurs Christ is at home in your heart and "supping" with you.

Rom 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness--*DIKAIOSUNE*.

Rom 8:11 And if (*since*) the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

8. Christ, like the Scriptural husband, is always willing to fellowship with the believer but He will never violate the believer's volition - you "gotta" open the door.

Rev 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he will feast with me.

9. Summary:

9.1 Christ, who indwells all believers, will fellowship with us only when we are "hot" for doctrine.

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Eph 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,

Eph 3:15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

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Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

9.2 Jesus does not fellowship with the carnal believer.

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2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are growing in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

2Co 13:6 And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.

9.3 You can't build divine good on anything or anyone except Christ, and if He is not at home in your heart your attempts at producing divine good will prove futile, i.e., when you don't name your sins to God and consistently take in the Word, Christ steps outside and knocks with discipline.

9.3.1 You can't produce divine good unless Christ is at home in your heart, and I repeat, He is not at home in your heart when you refuse to use the two power options. You may produce all manner of human good but when the indwelling of Christ is not appreciated you will never produce divine good.

10. Now let's review the *Doctrine of the Indwelling of the Father*.

Doctrine of the Indwelling of the Father

Review

1. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit indwell the Church Age believer.

1.1 The Spirit and the Father indwell universally and permanently all Church Age believers.

1.2 Christ indwells Church Age believers so long as they are "hot" for Doctrine.

2. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer at the moment of regeneration. Rom 5:5; Gal 4:6; 1Co 2:12; 1Co 6:19; Joh 7:39; 1Co 5:5

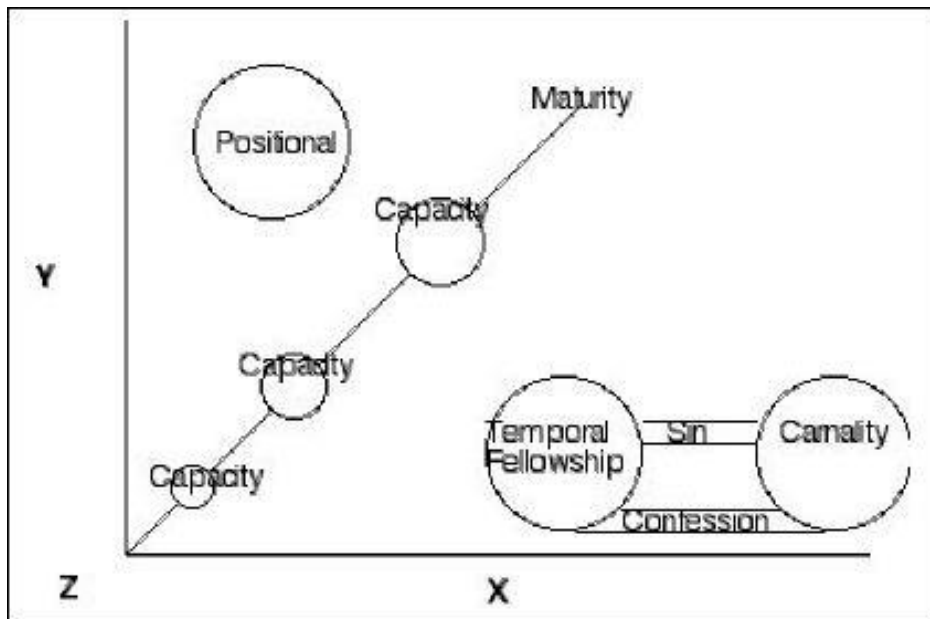
Concept

3. Jesus Christ indwells believers who are positive to the Word of God. Eph 3:17; 2Co 13:15-19; Rev 3:15-20.

4. Appreciating the maximum benefit from the indwelling of Christ is not permanent since we all go through periods of negative volition toward the Word. When we are negative, Christ is not at home in our hearts.

5. It is then Christ steps outside and knocks with discipline. We never lose the indwelling of Christ but we often lose the appreciation of that indwelling.

6. While we are moving to spiritual maturity Christ "fully" indwells us.



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7. The purpose of the indwelling of Christ is to provide special fellowship with all the benefits of a bride protected and sustained by Jesus, the Groom.

8. The reality of our being indwelt by the Father is declared in Scripture.

Joh 10:30 "I and my Father are one.

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Joh 14:10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Joh 14:11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

Joh 14:19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Joh 14:20 On that day you will realize that **I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.**

8.1 In Joh 17:11 our Lord and Savior prays directly to the Father that we may also be one as Christ and the Father are One."

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own Name and reputation, those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one as We are.**"

9. The two-fold result expressed by Christ is expressed in seven of the smallest yet most meaningful words.

9.1 The seven words are: “You in me and I in You. Compare Joh 14:20 with Joh 17:11

10. There are two mighty ministries of the Holy Spirit – that of forming Christ in the believer (I in you) and that of placing the believer in Christ.

10.1 In addition, there is the obvious fact that it is Christ’s desire that the Father also grant a oneness with Him, He in us and we in Him.

10.2 When this prayer is answered, and who could assume that Christ’s prayer to the Father would not be answered, there will be unique oneness with the Father as well with one another.

10.3 In the light of the above, the conclusion must be reached that thee is achieved through the supernatural power of God, a supernatural union between Christians which is similar to the reality of the union which unites the persons of the Godhead with all believers.

10.4 There is a unique unity between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit together with all believers.

11. The oneness between the Father and the many adopted sons is again reiterated by Jesus in John 17:21–24.

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, are in me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them that they may be one, even as We are One:

Joh 17:23 I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You Have loved Me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which You have given me; for You loved Me even before the foundation of the world.”

12. Notice in 1 John 4:15 there is a specific statement that believers are indwelled by the Father.

1Joh 4:15

“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

12.1 The same concept continues in 1st John 4:16.

1Joh 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God has toward us. God is love, and He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.”

13. There is certainly enough evidence in Scripture to indicate that we are permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit, have a unique oneness by means of the indwelling of the Father and are indwelt by Jesus, the Son so long as and while we are in fellowship and positive toward the Word of God.

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