

## TURNING POINT Pt 2 Sermon notes June 14, 2020 (Morning meeting)

The gospel of Jesus Christ. There is a direct parallel between an Old Testament account of entering a Promised Land and a New Testament account of entering the Kingdom of God. Both need faith to enter; both need faith to conquer, possess and endure. Jesus explained that we are not wired to serve two masters – we will either love one and hate the other or hold to one and despise the other. The folk that wandered and died in the desert after they were delivered out of Egypt, the Bible says, continually went astray in their heart. Each one of us are tempted by the same things in our own generation; Jesus was also and did not sin. We have the Old Testament accounts for an example, but we also have Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit – how much better. 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 summarises manifested behaviours but each behaviour falls under the broad banner of unbelief. Hebrews 3 – describes that it is an unbelieving heart that departs from God. We know that all Scripture is God breathed; that men penned as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. We know we have things that are written for our sake, that we would believe. It is very difficult to know how long the walk should have been from where Moses led them out and where they could have entered the Land. Initially God did lead them into the wilderness because He suspected if they took the quick route (Philistine Road), the warring they may have faced could cause them to retreat. The war that their flesh waged against their soul kept them in retreat. Essentially, they didn't trust God's lead or His provision. He's created us to be so much bigger, so much more effective than the sum total of our appetites.

**God never intended that they wander that long** – He knew the path, the destination, He knew what they needed in the transition; He knew what they needed to go in - fit and ready, He knew what they needed to fast from; the fresh manna – Numbers 21 – out of their discouraged souls, they declared that they 'loathed the worthless manna' ... **they wandered around the wilderness because they went astray in their hearts**, though they saw God win victory after victory in battle; saw multiplied miracles including the shoes never wearing out ... they limited what they could receive because they forgot who He was, what He had done and what He had promised. Yes, it was a hard time, but it was also a time of refuge and an opportunity to be close to God. Their **affections** – had they been firstly for God, would have seen them enter into a land that they were ready for, ready to fight for, ready to build for generations future. Conflicted loyalties conflicted their bodies and souls. Conflicting loyalties conflicted their destiny. Conflicted loyalties conflict us the same today. Holy Spirit directly, said this:

*"<sup>7</sup> Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says today, if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> where your fathers tested Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I was angry with that generation and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' <sup>11</sup> So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "*

See a couple of things here: Holy Spirit as equal in the Godhead and we have the privilege to hear this today and the responsibility not to turn away; not to repeat unfaithfulness. **God is speaking to us today, as if He had not said it before because there is real possibility that today, as then, we can steel or harden our hearts towards Him... wisdom listens.** Let that not be us: Jesus said, 'let not your hearts be troubled (agitated, stirred (Num 21 'troubled')); you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's House (He has gone ahead again; He has prepared a place for us) He is the Way. He is the Truth and He is the Life.

There is no other way to the Father except through Jesus.' John 14:1-6 He is leading again towards the Kingdom of God; showing the way – showing us things to come. Holy Spirit – leading us into all truth ... all the way.

**There was no other way to enter the Promised Land than by God's lead.** They were led well but we see at the end of that chapter that they **could not** enter in because of their unbelief. Let that not be us, who refuse His leading and draw back. God said, possess the land but they preferred the voice of their own spirit and did not heed the voice of their Creator. No wonder Caleb stood out so strong, and remained so strong, not caving into cravings nor the appetites of the majority. It was God's heart **then** that not one of them would be lost and He provided for them; in the face of hardship, long-time. It is God's heart **now and always** that not one be lost now, and He has provided entry to His Kingdom. The Gospel of the Kingdom is clear; it clearly presents the power of the **turning point of salvation** for every believer.

There was a **turning point** when a generation could enter the **Promised Land**. And the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was the turning point to bring people into the New Covenant; into the Kingdom of God.

**When we come to Christ – there are things to believe and stay faithful with and while we have breath, we are able to return.** We turned to Him and we were saved; and we need to keep turned towards Him. Our lives portray Christ; our lives portray the power of God to save, heal, deliver, bless, and lead. Our lives testify to His goodness and echo His faithfulness. Our lives make faith attractive to those watching on and give a true picture of who God is. Our lives prove His is real and cares. Our lives prove He is good and promises good. Our lives proved that He is true; the same – yesterday, today, and forever and that His ways are good and bring good; bring right; bring justice; bring mercy.

Jesus said to His disciples the night before He died – that it was to our advantage that He return to the Father because then the Holy Spirit could be sent; He would lead us now – into all truth, show us things to come, and all the powerful things we know about Holy Spirit. Chapters 14-16 in John are beautiful to study.

Please see the 'In Christ' chart. This is a great resource for revealing the direction of our focus; to see which kingdom we are dwelling in; to reveal the spiritual purposes that God has brought us together for, for such a time as this. This is a presentation of the gospel of the Kingdom – the picture God wants us to hold to until He comes again. **There is a turning point and that is Jesus Christ.**

We are blessed to live on this side of the Cross – we are the most resourced people of all time; what we must hold to is the truth of the Gospel – and that's who the Holy Spirit of Jesus is, the Spirit of truth. He will not take you outside the Word of God; He will not lead you backwards; He will always lead you to Christ; He will always glorify Christ and He will always empower you for Father's purposes. **It is as clean and strong and beautiful as that.** We can taste that the Lord Jesus is gracious. God the Father declares Him precious. Peter tells us that **whoever believes Him will never be put to shame.** 1 Peter 2.

**'In Christ' chart by sections.**

Without the Spirit of God, we are natural, mere people... we are eternal beings but before we turn to Christ the Word of God says we were dead in our sin; the spiritual part of us was not alive to God.



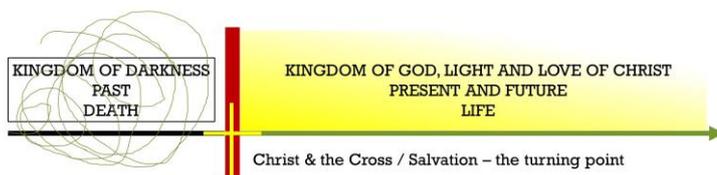
There was no bottom to our sinfulness. Jesus said we must be born again, or we cannot see or enter the Kingdom of God.

**Before Christ.** The way God views it.

**BEFORE CHRIST**

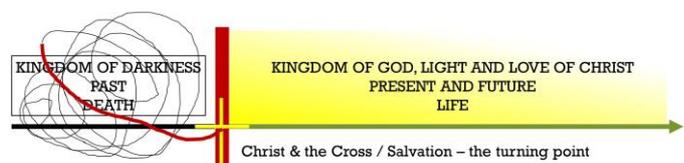
<b>OLD SELF</b> old man _____	We were spiritually dead in our sin, in a very real sense separated from the presence of God and heading that way for eternity.
<b>FALLEN/ADAMIC NATURE</b>	
<b>PAST</b> _____	Our heart was hard as stone.
<b>OLD ME</b> _____	God loves everyone but until we come to Christ, we are not His children. We were orphans and ignorant of hope, by nature children of wrath.
<b>SIN NATURE</b> _____	We were enslaved – internally by sin.
<b>SLAVE</b> _____	Sin had hold of us and we had no power to put it off or the condemnation that followed.
<b>ALL ACCRUED SIN</b> _____	We were lost, ignorant of life and purpose; ignorant of God.
<b>WHAT I HAVE DONE</b> _____	We were unclean.
<b>ALL THINGS DONE TO ME</b> -	What was coming out of our heart and mouth was not clean.
<b>ANY CURSES</b> _____	We were in sin, in shame, in guilt, in fear; we might have looked altogether on the outside, but the Word says we were wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked in our sin. We couldn't and would not forgive.
<b>MY HERITAGE</b> _____	We were cursed in our default setting of hatred towards God; we were subject to generational curses; and we cursed others.
<b>(Enemy of Christ) Rom 7:25—</b>	We were bound to things that we had no spiritual control over.
<b>Under power of enemy</b> -	We were driven by natural desires, insecurities, desires for things that were not ours to have.
<b>Subject of the kingdom of darkness</b> Col 1:13	Default setting was self and continually under the influence of the prince of darkness. We loved the dark and hated the light because it exposed us.
<b>Unrenewed mind: Memories/thoughts (Romans 8:5-8)</b> _____	Body & soul ruled. Not pretty. Could not please God or submit to Him.
<b>REALM OF FLESH</b> _____	Could not accept the gospel.

Thank God for His love, His grace, His forgiveness. In our ignorance we went round and round in futility, unaware of God or His hope or His plan and future.



The Holy Spirit was drawing us; someone witnessed to us and someone led us to Jesus Christ.

Someone preached Jesus, the Gospel to us and imparted grace – Holy Spirit influenced our heart and led us to Christ. We turned from our sin and we turned to Him and He received us.



While we were still dead in our sin, He made us alive in Christ. He gave us a soft heart, a new heart. The Holy Spirit quickened our spirits and we are now alive to Him. His Word is alive to us and we can now be led by His Spirit instead of being driven by our flesh, the world, and the devil.



That turning point – we turned away from sin and turned to Christ. This is salvation; Jesus took us and translated us into His Kingdom and every promise available to us is yes and amen in Christ.

The trajectory is good – it is up, it is out, it is forward, it is blessed, it is joy unspeakable and not just in the morning; it is purpose attainable, it mission possible, it is life eternal and abundant – filled with promise and purpose. The Father and the Son choose to dwell within us, by His Holy Spirit. You can't get your head around that, by you can believe it by faith and live by it. There is only one thing that can take you back into the wilderness, or pre-Salvation point and that is your soul.

When we received Christ, believed on His name, He gave us the power to be His children. He removed my sin so far away from – He chooses to remember it no more. I am no longer a slave to my own sin; and He gave me power over it in dealing with not just my sin but with the nature of sin I inherited. In Christ, I am now found. Saved by grace, through faith – the gift of God enabling me to believe. I am now clean – to the core. No sin, no shame, no guilt, no condemnation only conviction moving forward by the Holy Spirit. I am no longer cursed; and no curse can sit on me. I am not under any generational curse because Jesus Christ has removed everything that stood contrary to me. I love Him now, therefore no curse can sit upon me. My soul is tied now to my Holy Ghost quickened spirit.

B	NEW CREATION	Ephesians 5	1 Corinthians 6:17
L	RISEN/DIVINE NATURE	2 Peter 1:3-10	
O	NOW AND FUTURE	Philippians 3:13	
D	NEW CREATION	2 Cor 5:17; Gal 2:20	
D	BIAS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS	2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24	
F	FREE	Gal 5:1; 4:4-7	
C			
H	FORGIVEN	Heb 10	Jesus died once for all
R		Isaiah 53, Ezekiel 18,	Responsible for own sin
I		Rom 8	No condemnation 2 Cor 5:14-21; 7:2
S	I FORGIVE – I AM RELEASED	Eph 4:32, Col 3:13	
T			
S	CHRIST HAS FREED	Exodus 20:4-5; Ezekiel 18;	Proverbs 16:2; Gal 3:13, Col 2
P	INHERITANCE: NEW FATHER, NEW FUTURE	Gal 2:20,	
I	FRIEND OF GOD	John 15:12-17, Sons of God	Jn 1:12
R	CHRIST HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY	Col 1:13-14	
I			
D	TRANSLATED into the Kingdom of His glorious light	Col 1:10-14	
F			
L	Only the soul can take you back	Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Hebrews 7:25; Col 1:9-10	
I	I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.	1 Cor 2:16; Eph 4:23	
F			
E	REALM OF THE SPIRIT	Romans 8:9-11	

I am not bound to anything evil thing and no evil thing has anything on me. I am clean. I am delivered. I now have authority over any demonic move and nothing by any means can harm me or knock me out of this journey with Christ. I am now led by the Spirit of God; being transformed daily and transformed into His image. The overarching desire of my life is to glorify Jesus Christ. My default setting is now Christ as centre; I am no longer under the sway of the evil one; though he whisper, I have everything I need for life and godliness: the presence of God, the Living Word of God, the written Word of God, the Holy Spirit in power, fellowship of the believers, prayer, fellowship and purpose. I can now please God through faith and I make it my aim to please Him in everything I do. I am able to submit to Him; I am able to forgive. I have His acceptance and no longer need the recognition of man. Thank God for His love, His grace, His forgiveness.

### SPIRITUAL PURPOSE

DRAWN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BORN OF AND SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
INTO THE **KINGDOM OF GOD**.  
QUICKENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT:  
GUIDED INTO ALL TRUTH;  
SET APART AND GIFTED  
TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF GOD  
TO SAVE SOULS:  
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL  
**OF THE KINGDOM**  
TO THE POOR;  
TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED;  
TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES;  
TO BRING RECOVERY OF SIGHT  
TO THE BLIND;  
TO SET AT LIBERTY  
THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;  
TO LOVE AND CARE;  
TO FEED AND CLOTHE;  
TO SHELTER AND HOUSE;  
TO PRAY AND GIVE;  
TO FELLOWSHIP;  
**TO BRING CHRIST TO OUR WORLD  
BY BEING CHRIST IN OUR WORLD**  
FULFILLING FATHER'S DESIRE  
THAT NOT ONE WOULD BE LOST;  
**HIS KINGDOM COME  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

Maybe we need to consider what our cucumbers, leeks and fish are, But Jesus says to 'fix our eyes on Him; He's the Author and the Finisher of our faith'

He brought you out to bring you through to take you in. All the while, by His Spirit, He is your closest Friend; Your advocate; Your Comforter; Your Prophet; Your Teacher; Your guide; Your Provider;

### PURPOSE

*He never designed us to die in the desert  
or implode with blessing  
but explode with purpose  
with Jesus at the centre.*

2 Corinthians 13:14 We now have fellowship with the Holy Spirit – we have communion, partnership, intimate relationship with God through Him. James 4:5 says He yearns for us. Ephesians 4:30 tells us not to grieve Him. We have deep friendship with Him and we see the relationship – not only a shadow or alongside but within and upon in power – an indwelled relationship; Christ – the Anointed 'One' has now become many anointed ones – as He is, in this world, so are we (1 John 4:17).

The Holy Spirit has the transforming power to change us from being led by our natural/preferences to be conformed into the image of Jesus Christ. **He, Holy Spirit**, glorifies Jesus; He wakens the message; He convicts of sin; He brings conversion and deals with those things that (previously) stopped entry to the promised land; He comforts; He is Friend, He teaches, He refines, He fires us. He draws us and empowers us to glorify Jesus, the turning point for all humanity. We must believe. We must stay turned to Him, single minded to receive from Him. We must stay aligned in the Living Word within the Written Word.

**Holy Spirit will keep us there whilst Jesus is central, and glory is brought to God.**



## Wednesday Church June 10, 2020

Title: Turning Point

Key thought: Positioning ourselves to receive from Holy Spirit; sometimes repentance, a turn around is necessary.

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 10:6-11, 2 Corinthians 13:14, James 4:5, Hebrews 3:7-11