

WEEK 1 GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF

April 9, 2017

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NKJV)

GENERAL REVELATION

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)

SPECIAL REVELATION

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 1:1-4 (NKJV)

The church was not an afterthought. It was like many truths in the Bible that were a mystery hidden in the Old Testament were revealed in the New Testament. Just one way we see this anticipation of the church in the Old Testament is the Feasts of Israel.

- THREE OF THE SEVEN FEASTS OCCUR IN THE SPRING AND ARE PREDICTIVE OF THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS
 - PASSOVER OF COURSE ANTICIPATES AND PREDICTS CHRIST AS THE PASSOVER LAMB AND HE WAS CRUCIFIED ON PASSOVER
 - THE FEAST OF UNLEAVEND BREAD PREDICTS THE PIERCED BODY OF JESUS BURIED OR HIDDEN AND HE WAS BURIED ON THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
 - THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS IS PREDICTIVE OF HIS RESURRECTION AND HE WAS RAISED AT THE BEGINNING OF FIRST FRUITS.
- THE FOURTH FEAST IN MAY-JUNE IS PENTECOST AND IT CAME FIFTY DAYS AFTER PASSOVER AND EASTER AND PREDICTED, OR ANTICIPATED, THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH
- THE LAST THREE OF THE SEVEN FEASTS OCCUR IN THE FALL AND ANTICIPATE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

IT IS THROUGH GOD'S WORK THROUGH ABRAHAM AND HIS OFFSPRING—JESUS AND HIS CHURCH THAT THE BLESSINGS WILL BE SPREAD TO THE WORLD

THE CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED BY THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT ENTERS THE BELIEVER

HE EMPOWERS THE BELIEVER

HE EQUIPS THE BELIEVER

HE MAKES BELIEVERS TO BE ONE TO BE EFFECTIVE

HE GIFTS EACH ONE AND THE CHURCH CONTINUES THE WORK OF REVELATION

YOU ARE A PART OF THAT REVELATION AND BLESSING

¹⁸ *But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.*

²⁴ *But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it.*

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

AGREE WITH GOD REGARDING HIS CHURCH AND YOUR PLACE

SURRENDER TO HIS PLAN AND WILL

CONNECT TO HIM AND TO HIS BODY