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The Circumcision Made Without Hands

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We have been in preparation for our convention - You Have Come to Mount Zion – last year we understood that without the real understanding of Pentecost – as God’s marriage covenant with Israel, we could not go on to Mount Zion.

Mount Sinai was the place of the marriage covenant – so we spent time praying into reaffirming our marriage covenant in our recent 10 day fast. God wants us to belong to Him alone. (If you have not heard this teaching, you need it!) . This is why we have been divorcing Jezebel (among other gods) and have just completed our 10 day corporate fast in which we prayed through the ten commandments and re-affirmed our marriage covenant with God. We took each of the ten commandments as a marriage vow in prayer!

Under the new covenant, we are no longer required to be circumcised in the natural. A spiritual circumcision of the heart is now the requirement to mark us as God’s people.

Colossians 2:11 “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ” In this scripture, Paul is saying that we have been circumcised - but how?

Colossians 2:12 “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with [Him] through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

Paul is saying that at our baptism we are then spiritually circumcised. When we are buried with Christ in the water during baptism, there is a cutting away of the body of the sins of the flesh that takes place. How does that happen? Verse 14 tells us that when Christ was on the cross, the handwriting of ordinances that was against us (all our sins and generational curses and contracts) were nailed to the cross. The principalities and powers that held us in bondage were defeated at the cross. (verse 15) When we identify with His



BREAKING NEWS

Apostle Langton Gatsi from Zimbabwe will be joining us for the convention!

Apostle Gatsi is a former lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe, faculty of medicine and the University of Stellenbosch, Cape Town, South Africa. In 1996 with his wife Chido, they founded One Way Ministries with an emphasis on prayer networking throughout Zimbabwe, Africa and internationally. He is on the Council of Elders for All Nations Convocations Jerusalem, which is coordinated by the Jerusalem House of Prayer. He is on the council for European and African reconciliation.

death and burial as we go under the water, the powers and principalities that hold us are literally disarmed and cut away from us. We actually execute the written judgement on them – Psalms 145.

The picture that God gave us in the Old Testament was the one of Israel passing through the Red Sea. Israel had known God but been in bondage under Pharaoh. They were saved, but unable to appropriate the promised land that God had for them. Even when they left Egypt, the soldiers still pursued and harassed them. They had to cross through the Red Sea to obtain deliverance from Egypt. 1 Corinthians 10:2 “all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea” .They had to pass through the water and once on the other side, could watch their enemy drown behind them! This is a picture of water baptism. We may be saved and have prayed the sinner’s prayer, but all our enemies, curses and principalities are still pursuing us and laying claim to our lives. Water baptism is needed to deliver us from Egypt . When we are immersed in the water and identify with Christ’s death on the cross, those principalities and powers are then cut off from us and drown in the water! We come out of the water in Christ’s resurrection power, having had the body of flesh cut off from us. Colossians 2:15 “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Our circumcision is water baptism as an adult. It is our sign to principalities and powers that we belong to God and are divorcing every other god that may lay claim to us through generational sin. It is the mark that sets us apart as holy unto the Lord. Praise God!

As I taught this, many people came to me asking if they could be baptized again as they had not understood all this when they were first baptized.

We decided to hold a Baptism service for all those who had never been baptized as well as for those who wished to re-affirm their baptism. Let me be clear, we believe that according to Ephesians 4: 5 - 6 there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all..” You only need to be baptized once. However, I do believe that just as one can re-affirm their marriage vows, one can then also re-affirm baptism.

On the 28 March, we had 12 people baptized for the first time and a further 54 people re-affirmed their baptism. Similar baptism services were held in George, Cape Town and Zambia. It was an awesome time and we received a vision from Kate afterwards with several strong’s concordance numbers. In the vision she saw a mountain 6726 (Zion) and angels and saints watching us as we came out of the water dressed in white garments – this was a ceremony recorded in heaven. The scroll of 6263 (athiyd which means ready/prepared), was shown over the ceremony. There was an angel with a key 6304 (peduth which means redemption/deliverance) standing there. Then those who had the mark of 4139 (muwlah means circumcision), on their hands, were accepted to go up to Mount Zion.

I am excited - we are going to Mount Zion! Get ready, we are sensing a whole different level for this year – 2010!

Blessings Apostle Natasha

All messages mentioned in this newsletter will be available at the convention including Apostle’s new series on Water Baptism.

REMINDERS TO ALL CONVENTION DELEGATES

✓ Make your bookings for all meals by Friday, 9 April 2010.

✓ If you need to be collected from the airport, make your booking with our office by no later than 9 April 2010.

✓ Remember bedding is provided, but bring your own towels.

✓ The weather has turned cool in Johannesburg, so bring warm clothes.

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 12H00 ON 14 APRIL 2010