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Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is typified in Isaiah by king Cyrus, the people of Israel, and the prophet Isaiah

Christ is the Servant of Jehovah, and because Christ is so great and wonderful, the entire Bible is full of types of Christ – people that typify Christ as the Servant of Jehovah. In the book of Isaiah especially we see that there are three particular persons who typify Christ – king Cyrus, the prophet Isaiah, and the people of Israel. King Cyrus, though a Gentile king over the nation that were the rulers over the people of Israel, is presented in Isaiah as a good type of Christ – God chose Cyrus, He prepared Cyrus, He loved Cyrus, and He appointed Cyrus to carry out His commission. In many of the places where it talks about king Cyrus (God’s servant) you have the impression that it is talking about Christ and not a Gentile king... In the same way, the people of Israel as a corporate servant of Jehovah typifies Christ, and Isaiah as the prophet of Jehovah also typifies Christ. Because our Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is so rich in attributes and in His being, He needs at least three persons in Isaiah only to typify Him! In the Gospels we see at least four aspects, and in Isaiah we see at least three people who typify Christ as the Servant of Jehovah! What a rich and all-inclusive Christ we have! All these three persons in Isaiah that typify Christ as the Servant of Jehovah did the same thing as the Lord Jesus did when He was on the earth, and also the same thing as we, the corporate reproduction, duplication, and continuation of the Servant of Jehovah are doing today! The three main things king Cyrus, the prophet Isaiah, and the people of Israel did as the Servant of Jehovah are: they served God to release God’s people from captivity, they built God’s house, and they built up God’s kingdom (signified by the city). When the Lord Jesus Himself was on the earth, He also did the same thing – He released the captives, he built up the church as the Body of

Christ, and He established God’s kingdom among people on earth! He was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 61:1-2 which says,

1. The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon Me, Because Jehovah has anointed Me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And

the opening of the eyes to those who are bound;

2. To proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn;

How we need to see a vision of Cyrus, Israel, and Isaiah typifying Christ! When we see that these three persons typified Christ in what Isaiah says about them, we will realize that we are today’s Cyrus, we are today’s Israel, and we are today’s Isaiah! We believers are also the servants of Jehovah, doing the same thing as the Lord Jesus and these three persons did: we preach the gospel to release God’s people from captivity, we build up His temple (the church, the house of God), and we build up His kingdom (the city)! When you think about it and you really consider this, you will realize that there’s no greater profession or job on the earth than being those who carry out what is on God’s heart! This makes us happy, and this satisfies both us and God! If we give ourselves to accomplish the desire of God’s heart, we are truly the wisest men on the earth! This is the best job and if we do this job faithfully, we will have the best destiny! When we give ourselves to the Lord to accomplish what is on His heart, we are being terminated and replaced with Him, and Christ as the Servant of Jehovah will serve God in us according to how and what God wants! This is the way we become the corporate Christ as the continuation of Christ – by giving ourselves to the Lord to be His servants, those who accomplish what is on His heart – no longer us but Christ, Him living again in us, with us, and through us! Just like Cyrus, we also need to be those today that go out “as birds of prey” to look for sinners and save them for God’s kingdom! Cyrus is likened to a bird of prey – and so are we, one with Christ, looking for the captives that are prepared and ready to receive salvation! We work together with the Lord in seeking the lost sinners and bringing them to the Lord, bringing them to salvation – and offering them to God! These saved sinners become sons of God and members of Christ – thus making God happy! Such a pleasant work for God and with God is so sweet and is never tiring us out... we are happy and God is happy – His kingdom is enlarged and His Body is increased

– God’s good pleasure is satisfied! On the other hand, the people of Israel typifying Christ as the Servant of Jehovah also typifies us – in a deeper and more subjective sense and experience. We don’t just “do things for God” but we are one with God and God is working Himself into us to make us His people! (from: <http://agodman.wordpress.com/>)

GTCA Stockton May the Lord gain a glorious expression in Stockton, California!

We worship and praise the Lord for His glorious move in Stockton, California! Monday morning, the full-time team packed up and moved out of the apartment complex where we lived, ate, fellowshiped, and prayed together for two eventful weeks. A number of the local saints from Stockton and nearby churches joined us each day for the sowing and shepherding activities. It was a wonderful time of blending fellowship and laboring together for the Lord’s interest. We are thankful for the opportunity to participate in what the Lord is doing here.

It was very heartening to witness the local saints’ hope and expectations grow to match the Lord’s desire for a lampstand in this locality. One sister shared during the Lord’s Day meeting how she was so encouraged with the practical day-to-day, house-to-house church life she experienced during our two weeks together. She fully anticipates much more blending and building up as the church life is established in Stockton.

At this point, there are over 600 new ones in Stockton who have received a Recovery Version and the ministry books; approximately 200 of these have expressed an interest for further contact. Ten meetings in the homes of new ones took place. In one home meeting, a new one said, “I wish this would never end!” At the end of a home Bible study, another new one exclaimed, “I can’t get enough of this!” Many more have expressed their joy in having such a rich ministry brought to them. In addition, there are now at least six homes of local saints that are open for home meetings to shepherd the seeking ones and practice the church life.

We have also had many appointments with seeking students during the sowing time and are currently in contact with them to continue the cherishing and nourishing. As we move into the watering and farming phase, we have begun to follow up with regular visits to both campuses (University of the Pacific and Delta College) every Friday and in their homes when available to conduct Bible studies and give them food at the proper time. We are also establishing a weekly Bible study in the apartment complex on Saturdays, so that those hungry ones who desire to meet can be fed.

Lord, bless our labor and add to the church life those who are being saved; gain Your glorious church in Stockton.

Burdens for Church Prayers

- For daily exercise in God’s ordained way training: prophesying on Lord’s day by daily enjoying His word and pursue the truth and attend Lord’s day meeting on time.
- For GTCA burden to the local people and gospel preaching in our daily living.
- For gospel preaching on West Valley College campus, as well as for English-speaking testimony in Campbell.
- For young people that they would have morning revival, pursue the truth and become gospel seeds on campus.

Announcement

- Morning Revival: the Crystallization-Study of Isaiah (2), Week 3
- Prayer meeting on Tuesday (2/29) 7:30 pm at Campbell meeting hall
- GOW training, monthly training 3/12; extra material purchase, please register with brother Mark, \$12.5 per copy.
- Spring Young People Conference (3/18-20) Please register via brother Ezra Tai before 3/5, \$95 per person
- College Spring Retreat will be held in Berkeley on 3/5-6 (Sat and Lord’s day). Please register via brother Ezra and sister Meiling before next Lord’s day (2/27), \$ 35 per person.
- 2010 Tax Return form, please contact brother Chu.
- Please update your phone, address in church directory.