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The Spirit of Reformation

(This is the first in a series of articles concerning the current apostolic reformation)

In this hour there is a cry being heard in heaven. It is a cry that has been heard in heaven from previous generations of revivalists and reformers. However, it is cry that heaven will answer in a very unique way in this generation. It is a cry that Jesus Christ would no longer be misrepresented by those who do not have an accurate revelation of Him. It is a cry that cities, regions, and nations would be habitations for the dwelling place of God. It is the cry that solutions to society's most complex problems would be answered by those wearing the marks of the cross. It is the cry that those who name the name of Jesus would display the same level of sacrifice and commitment as those who give their lives for false gods. It is a cry that the people of God would not go to Church but rather become the Church. It is a cry that people of God would display a loving merciful God who heals all disease and torments of any kind. It is cry that the name and the glory of Jesus Christ would become known to the least in society and also to those in key positions of influence and authority in society. It is a cry that those who have been murdered before seeing the light of day would have justice here and now and not just in the coming millennium. It is a cry that children being used as slaves for the perverse enjoyment of many would receive freedom and hope.

If this cry sounds uniquely familiar, it is because it was the mandate Jesus gave us when He taught us to pray in Matthew chapter six, verse ten, “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. “ Jesus Christ not only taught us to pray in this manner but his death on the cross gave us the ability to fulfill the naturally impossible mandate. The time has come and the time is now here for change. The spirit of reformation has come to earth for the purpose of the reformation of the Church and the transformation of society. Throughout history when the Spirit of God desired to bring change, He found a man or a woman whose message was mostly rejected by the “established Church”. But, in this hour He will raise up a company of people who will move to heaven’s heartbeat and change the course of world history. God has always desired a generation who knows the time and the season in which they live. We are currently in the midst of one of the greatest transitions and reformations in the body of Christ. If we are careful to live from the place of revelation that the Holy Spirit is currently releasing, we will see the greatest fruit the body of Christ has ever seen.

In this article my purpose is to share some of the characteristics of the spirit of reformation. As you will see, many of these characteristics work in a synergistic relationship with each other. These characteristics are certainly not meant to be exhaustive but rather qualitative.

Characteristics of the Spirit of Reformation

1. *A people whose determined purpose is to pursue the knowledge of God-* There is a longing that each human being is born with. It is a longing that cannot be satisfied with religion,

church membership, relationships, or career achievements. This longing can only be satisfied when one enters into intimate relationship with the One who created us. Every true believer longs for intimate relationship with their heavenly Father. I have found that as I make the daily choice to draw near to God, that He releases an even greater grace to draw near to Him at an even greater level. Pursuing the knowledge of the glory of God is the foundation of the current transition taking place in the body of Christ. If the foundation of a building is not built properly, then it certainly could cause problems in the future. I believe the same is true in the current reformation. If the foundation is not built upon pursuing the knowledge of the glory of God, then we will have a flawed movement. A people who pursue the knowledge of the glory of God and who experience a continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the absolute highest priority of this current reformation.

Key Verse: John 17:3 (Amplified Bible)³ And this is eternal life: [it means] to know (to perceive, recognize, become acquainted with, and understand) You, the only true and real God, and [likewise] to know Him, Jesus [as the] Christ (the Anointed One, the Messiah), Whom You have sent.

2. *A pursuit of friendship with God which gives us a revelation of the power of the resurrection-*

The Apostle Paul declared in Philippians chapter three, that his desire was to progressively know Jesus Christ and the power that flowed from His resurrection. A revelation of the power of the resurrection releases the grace to continually lay down our lives for the sake of humanity. Jesus Christ was the ultimate example. His death and resurrection allowed Him to regain dominion for all who would call upon His name. Jesus was victorious when He laid down His life for humanity. As followers of Jesus we are victorious when we continually lay our lives down for humanity. The Holy Spirit recently spoke something to me that resonated

quite loud in my spirit. He said “Greater dominion and authority comes to he who sees the cross most clearly.” In this hour of reformation God is going to take his pure spotless bride and release to them the dominion and authority to see entire cities and nations transformed by the gospel of the Kingdom. However, the Spirit of God will not release this type of authority we long for unless we are willing to continually lay our lives down for the humanity we desire to see changed.

Key Verse(s): Philippians 3:10 (Amplified Bible) 10[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [^{1a}which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope].....

1 Corinthians 1:23 (American Standard Version)23 but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumbling block, and unto Gentiles foolishness

3. *As the people of God pursue a knowledge of the Glory of God there will be unprecedented fruit.* When Jesus Christ walked this earth, he declared that His intent was to give the people of God much fruit and fruit that would remain. As we pursue the knowledge of the glory of God, I believe we will have unprecedented fruit in the body of Christ.

A. *There will be an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit.* An unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit has currently begun in the nations of earth and will continue at a tremendously accelerated pace in the coming months and years ahead. This coming move of God will be beyond our wildest imaginations or dreams. Prepare yourself to see what you have never seen before and experience what you never even thought was possible. I believe we have been

and are living in the fulfillment of Joel chapter two. But, I also believe that the world has yet to see the full fulfillment of that prophecy.

Key Verse: Joel 2:28-32 "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I'll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Judgment Day of God, the Day tremendous and awesome. Whoever calls, 'Help, God!' gets help. On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be a great rescue—just as God said. Included in the survivors are those that God calls."

B. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will make signs and wonders commonplace among the people of God- One of the wonderful characteristics of this current reformation is that the Holy Spirit has moved upon an army of people that see Jesus Christ as our ultimate model. Jesus Christ healed all disease and all torment and never turned away one person for a lack of faith. So, just as bringing humanity into a born-again experience is a normal part of the Kingdom Life, so too is a life of the supernatural and miracles. Many have had significant breakthroughs in the supernatural, but as we pursue a knowledge of God today, He is going to release upon the people of God encounters from heaven that change their spiritual DNA. These encounters will change us forever, to carry a greater measure of the glory of God.

Key Verse: Acts 5:15 "They even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on stretchers and bedrolls, hoping they would be touched by Peter's shadow when he walked by. They came from the villages surrounding Jerusalem, throngs of them, bringing the sick and bedeviled. And they all were healed."

C. God is going to purify His bride and unite the body under the cloud of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe we are currently in the midst of two waves of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The first wave of the Holy Spirit will come to the body of Christ for the purpose of purifying and transitioning us into

a new wineskin. How we adapt to the wineskin the Holy Spirit wants to create, will determine the amount of fruit and transformation of society we will be able to see take place in the second wave of the Holy Spirit. God is looking to unite people under the common denominator of pursuing the knowledge of God and being a part of an ongoing outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our community. The Holy Spirit is also looking to restore broken relationships within the body of Christ. As the Holy Spirit heals the broken relationships, He wants to bring us into covenant and recreate the culture of the family within the Kingdom of God.

Key Verse: Psalm 133:1-3 ¹**BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!** ²**It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body].** ³**It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly].**

D. Visitations from Angels will become commonplace for the people of God.

This current apostolic reformation is about the Holy Spirit restoring the people of God to the original Biblical pattern He intended for His people. The Bible records one hundred four appearances of angels to humanity. They are mentioned fifty two times in the book of Revelation. A natural by-product of God restoring us to our original intention is the people of God having encounters with angels. Not only will angelic visitations increase for the people of God, but the Holy Spirit will teach us to cooperate with angelic activity to bring a greater release of the Kingdom of God. As the people of God declare what God is saying, the host of heaven will be sent on our behalf to enforce heaven's decrees and Jesus' victory on the cross.

Key Verse: Psalm 103:20-22 (New Living Translation) 20 Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. 21 Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angel who serve him and do his will! 22 Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the LORD.

E. A New sound will be released in the earth as the people of God come into agreement with God's purposes in this Hour.

Just as a sound from heaven came to earth on the day of Pentecost, so too, will a sound from heaven come to the nations of earth. The sound will come as the people of God come into agreement with the will of God. The sound on the day of Pentecost caused the heavens to shift over the city of Jerusalem. So too, will a sound in the nations of the earth come in this hour that will cause millions of people to see Jesus Christ as the desire of the nations. The sound of heaven will also be heard through the music of the Church and the Kingdom of Heaven will be released through the arts and music of the Church. It is a new day of cities, regions, and nations bowing to the sound of the Kingdom of heaven. It is a new day of change for the people of God to take their rightful inheritance and dominion in the earth today.

Key Verse: Acts 2:1-21 On the day of Pentecost^[a] all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

