

Stage 2

Monday, June 13, 2011

My Goal

Ephesians 4

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting (**strengthening**) of the saints, for the work of the ministry (**service**), for the edifying of the body of Christ: (**our service is seen in the sounding of the trumpets**)

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

At this stage of growth we should see ourselves as the messenger of Revelation 8:3.

Revelation 3

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, **the beginning [746] of the creation of God**;

The true Laodicean does not know his condition before God. Christ is the beginning of correcting the emotional healing needed for a complete salvation experience.

The creation of God is defined in Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Colossians 2

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Fulness is defined in Ephesians 3:14-21

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all **principality [746]** and power:

To be complete in Him does not mean we are finished. It means we are as complete as we can be at any given point.

Philippians 3

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, **I count not myself to have apprehended**: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, **as many as be perfect**, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

To be "in Christ" is defined in

1 John 2

24 Let that therefore abide [3306] in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain [3306] in you, ye also shall continue [3306] in the Son, and in the Father.

This is not simply speaking of hearing God. It means to remain in God's love.

Colossians 2

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands (or with words), in putting off **the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ:

Romans 8

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Ephesians 4

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, **be put away (lifted up [142])** from you, with all malice: **These are the things that have caused our "roots"**

John 1

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which **taketh away [142]** the sin of the world.