

## THE HEAVENLY VISION : HAVE YOU GOT IT?

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Tell me; do you really know who you are as a born-again Child of God? Do you really have the vision for what your purpose is in this life? Do you fully understand where you will be going once you have completed your mission here? Whether you do or don't, I hope that the following résumé of the Spirit-filled Christian will encourage and inspire your heart, renew your faith, and motivate you to do more for the Lord on a daily basis. I encourage you to print out this article and place it somewhere where it will be a constant reminder to you of our Heavenly Vision. Any time you are feeling a bit down and discouraged, when the problems and weights of this world are heavy upon your shoulders, just pick it up and read it over. It isn't very long. Remember; as Jesus said:

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30, KJV

After reading the following, I am sure that you will feel absolutely refreshed; for you will have been temporarily lifted up out of this world, and taken a spiritual bath in

the waters of His wonderful Word. For as we are told in the Holy Scriptures:

"BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalms 119:9, KJV

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 15:3, KJV

Allow me to encourage you to edit the following résumé of the Spirit-filled Christian for your personal needs. You may even wish to personalize it and give a copy to different members of your family who are also Christians, or to other Christian friends. While we may not always agree on every single iota of doctrine, one thing we do all have in common, is that we share the same Heavenly Vision. May the following Scriptures be a tremendous blessing in your life:

1. NAME: Bill Kochman. (But we shall receive a new name)

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

Revelation 2:17, KJV

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

Revelation 3:12, KJV

2. BIRTHDATE: Born again July, 1971.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

John 3:3, 7, KJV

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of

incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

1 Peter 1:23, KJV

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

1 Peter 2:2, KJV

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV

3. BIRTHPLACE: Reborn in San Jose, California, U.S.A., Planet Earth, but prone to travel due to occupation.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

John 3:8, KJV

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15, KJV

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Matthew 24:14, KJV

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

James 4:13-15, KJV

4. GENDER: There is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus.

"For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

Matthew 22:30, KJV

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28, KJV

#### 5. OCCUPATION: Servant of the Lord/Ambassador for Christ

"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

Luke 17:10, KJV

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20, KJV

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Daniel 12:3, KJV

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Proverbs 11:30, KJV

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

John 15:16, KJV

#### 6. INCOME: Laying up treasures in Heaven.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:19-21, KJV

#### 7. MARITAL STATUS: I am part of the Bride of Christ.

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Romans 7:4, KJV

8. STREET ADDRESS: Street Of Gold. Exact mansion number unknown at this time.

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

Revelation 21:21, KJV

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:2-3, KJV

9. CITY: New Jerusalem.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

Revelation 3:12, KJV

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Revelation 21:2, KJV

10. COUNTRY: The Kingdom Of Heaven.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven . . . Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3, 10, KJV

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 7:21, KJV

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14, KJV

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

Philippians 3:20, KJV

11. CITIZENSHIP: The Kingdom Of God.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"

Ephesians 2:19, KJV

12. POLITICAL AFFILIATION: My Kingdom is not of this world.

"And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world."

John 8:23, KJV

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

John 18:36, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

James 4:4, KJV

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1-2, KJV

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

Philippians 3:20, KJV

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

13. RELIGION: Christian. (name established in Antioch)

"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Acts 11:26, KJV

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1, KJV

14. PERSONAL EXPECTATIONS: A new life, and a new body!

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:29, KJV

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:"

Colossians 1:15, KJV

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."

2 Corinthians 5:1-4, KJV

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned

like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Philippians 3:21, KJV

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

1 John 3:2, KJV

"There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1 Corinthians 15:40-52, KJV

And that, brethren, is our purpose in life, as well as our Heavenly Vision and goal. Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that absolutely inspiring? Anything less than this is a cheap imitation of Satan, so don't you be tricked by it. Don't you become trapped by the temporal things that this world has to offer. For as the Apostle John wrote, those things are not of God; they are of the world. And as the Apostle Paul also



wrote, we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we will carry nothing out of it; unless of course we have laid up our treasures in Heaven. Consider these truths:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

1 John 2:15-16, KJV

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

1 Timothy 6:7-12, KJV

So again, as the Apostle Paul told King Agrippa in the Book of Acts, our Heavenly Vision is to win as many as we can to Christ, that they too may partake of the glories soon to be revealed from Heaven. Consider these verses:

"But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:"

Acts 26:16-19, KJV

I am shooting for the stars! How about you? Let the foolish

children of the world build their silly castles in the sand. When the flood of God's chastisements begins to fall on this wicked old world, they will all be washed away, just like the rising tide on the seashore. Jesus said so Himself, as is evident by these two verses:

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Matthew 7:26-27, KJV

But as for us, in God's perfect time, we will be moving on to something much better; and we will be taking many people with us, if we are faithful to do the task that He has given us to do. All you have to do is to keep your eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and the Finisher of our faith, and the Rock of our Salvation, as we see by the following verses:

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:2, KJV

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

1 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

Psalms 118:22-23, KJV

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Matthew 21:42, KJV

"And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?"

Mark 12:10-11, KJV

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."

Acts 4:11, KJV

"To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed [that is disapproved, rejected, repudiated] indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

1 Peter 2:4-8, KJV

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

Matthew 7:24-25, KJV

As the Apostle Paul wrote, just keep running the race with patience that is set before you, and don't let Satan trick you into trying to take a detour, because you are not to be ignorant of his devices:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

Hebrews 12:1, KJV

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."

1 Corinthians 9:24, KJV

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not

ignorant of his devices."

2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

There is only one way to run the race, and that is with the help of Jesus Christ; because He is the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life. He is the only Door that leads into God's sheepfold. Look neither to the left, nor to the right, but let your eyes look right on Jesus! Here again are some verses for your consideration:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6, KJV

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10:7-9, KJV

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."

Proverbs 4:25-27, KJV

Just keep your eyes on Jesus Christ who is up there in front of you. He has got His arms outstretched with a Crown of Life ready to place upon your head; but you've got to finish the race first if you expect to receive it. Crowns are only for winners, and not for those who fall by the wayside in a moment of temptation, weakness or despair. Please don't disappoint Him. God's Word says the following:

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

1 Corinthians 9:25, KJV

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

James 1:12, KJV

". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Revelation 2:10, KJV

God bless you! I hope that this article has come like a burst of fresh air to your soul! I hope that it has renewed your faith! I hope that it has rekindled the fires of His love in your heart! I hope that it has motivated you to be a doer and not just a hearer of His Word! Do you have the Heavenly Vision?

With these thoughts I will bring this article to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this article, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or with any other social network, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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Are You a Burning Ember for the Lord?

Are You Redeeming the Time?

Christian Witnessing: Winning the Sheep and Waging the Warfare!

Marriage of the Lamb

My Personal Vision and Your Challenge

New Jerusalem: Heavenly City and Mountain of the Lord's House

Once Upon a Time: A True Story

One From Beyond: Hebrew of Hebrews

Parable of the Sower: Salvation and Service

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Study, Work and Don't Be Ashamed

The Children of Light: Are You One of Us?

This Little Light, Glory of the Lord and Our Bright Future

What is God's Will for My Life?

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